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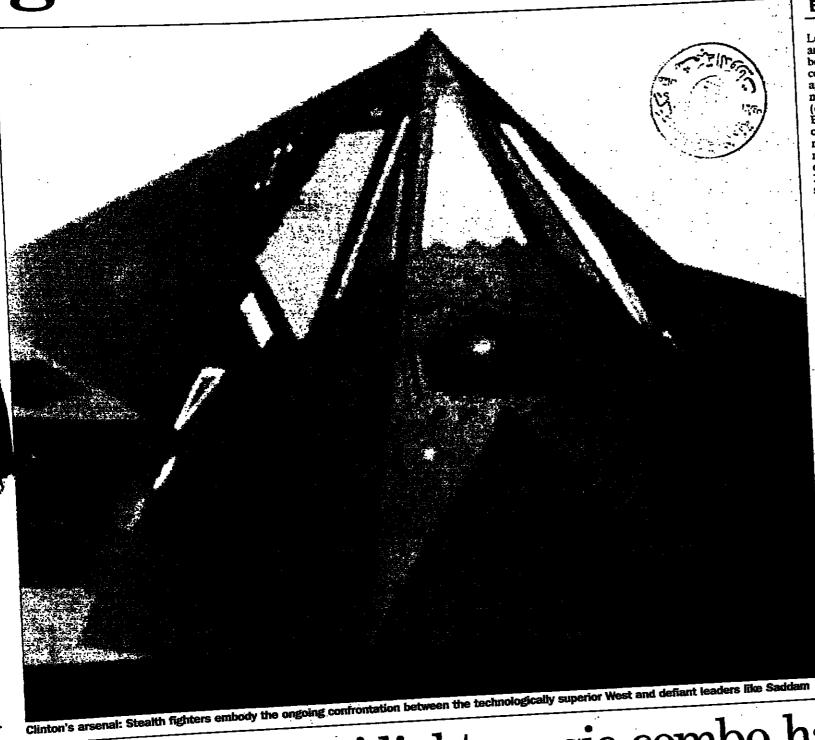


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# Sabre-rattling by Stealth: the gunboat diplomacy of our time



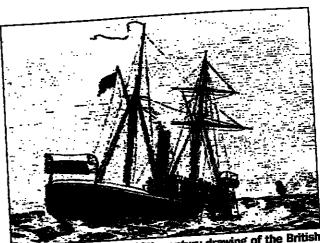
#### By John Lichfield

Lord Palmerston had it easier and certainly cheaper. A gun-boat dispatched to lob shells at coastal cities would, a century ago, rapidly concentrate the minds of recalcitrant potenates (or so we are told). President Bill Clinton, commander in chief of the most powerful, the most complex, certainly the most expensive, military force ever assembled, is finding late 20th century gunboat diplomacy somewhat trickier.

Ten days ago the US President struck at Saddam Hussein from the Pacific Ocean with missiles worth \$1m (£660,000) each, capable (so we are told) of hitting half a football pitch in the Sahara from a range of 700 miles. Last night he was preparing to attack President Saddam from New Mexico, via Kirwait. with F-117 stealth fighterbombers invisible to radar. Each aircraft is worth \$42.6m enough to fund the annual income of 40,000 average Iraqis.

How do we know that these secretive aircraft are on the way? Because the US media says so and the US media was told by the US government. It may seem strange to spend billions of dollars on stealth technology to facilitate tactical surprises only to tell your enemy that you are about to attack. But that just shows how confident in its military technology the US govand bizarre are the politics of ernment is: and what is going on in the Gulf.

Why is President Clinton flying the stealth fighters all the way from New Mexico to Knwait, as well as deploying B-52s carrying cruise missiles from the British Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia? Are they the best military weapon for the military job? No, He has 130 planes nearer to hand, equally capable of hurting Saddam. The F-117s are flying half way around the



The original version: A 19th-century drawing of the British gun-boat 'Victoria'

world because they are the best politico-military weapon for the politico-military job of striking Saddam with the lowest possible risk of US casualties or

Washington developed its extraordinary arsenal of computer and satellite controlled weaponry to give it an edge in the Third World War (since cancelled). Instead, the machines are providing a comforting extension to the political options available to US presidents trying to face down megalomanic dictators in strategically important regions.

In one sense they could be said to be feeding a grand illusion: that battles can be fought purely from the air, with minimal risk of casualties to your own side. Battles can certa be fought that way but the events of the last few days suggest that they cannot necessarily be won that way. The cruise missile strikes last week trashed some of the air-defence sites rebuilt by Saddam since the Gulf War in 1991. But, by Washington's own admission, Iraq has reassembled the sites to the point where they threaten once again the non-stealthy US and British and French planes pa-

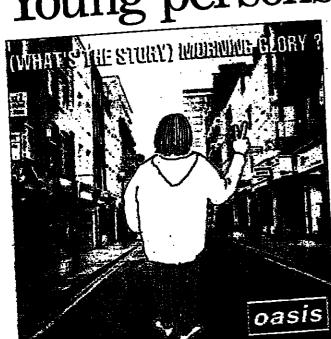
trolling the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq.

The absurdities in the latest after-shock from the Gulf war are manifest. But it is easier to point this out than to suggest a politically feasible alternative course of action. The principle alternative to containing Saddam is not containing him. Possibly, the US should bave reacted sooner to the Iraqi military moves in the north and the appeals for aid of the Kurdish Democratic Party. But President Clinton was understandably re-

luctant to be sucked into the faction fighting. The absurdities of the presituation are deeper-rooted: first, the reluctance of the US, and the rest of the Gulf alliance, to finish off Saddam in 1991; econd, the failure since then to develop a coherent strategy for de-stabilising him. Our only policy is to hit Saddam whenever he stirs in his cage. The Speaker of the US House of Representatives, Newt Gingrich, said yesterday that the US was in danger of looking "like an isolated bully using very sophisticated weapons to no purpose. So we look arrogant and

impotent at the same time." US attack, page 11

# Young persons' light music combo have spat



arts news editor

Oasis, the biggest selling and most argumentative band in the brief history of Britpop may be no more. If so, it was a short, highly lucrative and pleasingly melodic (if derivative) flirtation with global fame.

Just five years and two albums from washing cars in Manchester, the Gallagher brothers, Noel, 29, and Liam, 23, are today in different continents, and not even on swear-

Certainties are few in the disintegration of a rock group; an argument between its two frontmen caused Noel to fly back to American tour. They had just completed their show in Charlotte, North Carolina, when the latest feud erupted. A fiveplace between the brothers, at- and The Beach Boys).

tended by the actress Patsy Kensit, fiancee of Liam. Band insiders said Liam was tearful and questioning whether he could carry on. Noel's storming out early gave the tour a sort of symmetry as brother Liam had previously stormed in late.

Their record company, Creation Records, last night acknowledged in an unusually frank statement for a record company that "Oasis have hit internal differences on their tour of America which has resulted in the tour being pulled two thirds of the way through".

The rest is deduction. One can deduce, for example, that the Americans are unlikely to invite them back in a hurry (the London midway through their tour started without Liam who was househunting and sulking): and that having brothers in a rock band can be bad for the health (internecine struggles hour summit meeting took have hit The Kinks, Dire Straits

played their last gig then they leave an impressive array of statistics and impressions behind them. They have only released two albums, but the second, (What's The Story) Morning Glory?, with 9.5m sales worldwide is one of the biggest sellers of all time, Noel's songwriting won an Ivor Novello award, their concerts broke attendance records indoor and out, with the 250,000 who saw them at Knebworth last month the biggest British paying audience for a single music act ever, their live show was frenetic

and exciting, and frequent bouts of boorish behaviour almost fulfilled every pop group's wish and alienated an older genera-But only almost. The older generation also warmed to Oasis because at times they sounded like The Beatles, though not in their wit which was definite-

recording for MTV in New York last week demonstrated. The Oasis story may be a ro-

mantic tale of working class lads achieving fame, riches and glamorous middle class actresses beyond their wildest dreams. But as Beatles fans will remember, at a time of suspected break-up, romantic memories are overshadowed by hard business realities.

Oasis are all millionaires, even the non-Gallaghers with names no one can remember. Their album remains in the charts in Britian and America, and their record company is unlikely to countenance the end of such a money making machine

without a fight.
But it's an ill wind ... if the demise of Oasis is genuine, then welcome back Blur, Britpop's other crown princes who have been rather quiet of late



# UK may hand back Nazi gold

#### QUICKLY Anger over hours

EU plans to extend the maximum 48-hour week to new groups of workers, including doctors and transport workers, were welcomed by the TUC, but provoked anger from Tory Euro-sceptics. Page 8

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#### **National addiction** An estimated 1.5 million

Britons are "problem gamblers", including pathological punters and teenagers obsessed with fruit machines, according to a report .

#### Hong Kong exodus

Research suggests the exodus from Hong Kong will increase this year, with more than 1,000 people leaving each week - a level not seen since the aftermath of the 1989 Tiananmen Page 13 Square massacre.

ANTHONY BEVINS and LOUISE JURY Nazi gold worth more than £35m held in the vanits of the Bank of England and the US Federal Reserve for half a cen-

tury may be sent back to 10 European countries next week.
There was an outcry from Labour MPs and Jewish groups, which last night urged the Gov-emment to block its release, saying it should be distributed to Holocaust victims, Jeff Rooker, a Labour MP who has been asking Commons questions about the gold for more a decade, said:

matter, what about us?"

In 1946, Britain, the US and France set up a commission to handle bullion liberated from the Nazis. Some of it has been distributed to governments of Nazi-occupied territory but 7,136kg, worth \$85m, is still in the vaults of the Bank of England and of the Federal Reserve. The Albanians have a legitimate claim to 2,454kg, which was only recently settled.

But the commission has been sitting on the remaining, un-claimed 4,682kg since 1946, pending agreement on the unrelated Albanian question. It is that Nazi gold, in bars and coms, that is in dispute. The Tripartite Commission is to meet "If Malcolm Rifkind, the Fornext Wednesday and, after 50 years' inaction, there are now British Government should now eign Secretary, is urging the Swiss to act with honour in this

fears that it cannot get rid of the bullion quickly enough. The current controversy over gold stolen from the Jewish vic-

tims of the Holocaust has left London, Washington and Paris exposed to charges of hypocrisy.
Under existing plans, the
gold in Britain and the US will be divided up between the governments of countries occupied by the Nazis - Austria, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Yu-

goslavia and Italy. But Mr Rooker, whose questions were answered by Mr Rifkind when he was a junior 1980s, said last night: "The gold to the World Jewish Resti-

use its veto to stop the gold be-

ing sent packing. Instead, they should in all honour allow the Jewish groups and individuals who have legitimate and verifiable claims to put those claims in." That demand was endorsed by the Holocaust Educational Trust, which said none of the gold should be distributed until a full public debate had been held.

Greville Janner MP, the trust chairman and vice-president of the World Jewish Congress, said: The Government report told us that the commission in 1946 was too lazy to process individual claims. They should do so now or hand the rest of the

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news

Beef war: Little hope of concession as Cabinet bids to placate farming lobby

# Collision set with EU over cattle cull

**ANTHONY BEVINS** 

John Major and his Cabinet colleagues yesterday endorsed a low-key collision course with Brussels over the level of the anti-BSE beef cull.

Following a Downing Street ministerial meeting, the Prime Minister's office said that Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, would be going to Brussels on Monday to present new ev-idence suggesting that the high cull agreed at the June summit in Florence was no longer nec-

Ministers have no hope, given the hostility of the Germans and the Florence framework agreed by Mr Major, that concessions will be made in the lifting of the ban on British beef sales to Europe.

They therefore believe that they might as well accept those realities, and ease up on the cull programme so that - at the very least - Conservative MPs are

The Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food said last night that the initial cull figure had been put at 38,000; later extended by up to 42,000 more cattle; with a further addition of 40,000.

Given the fact that no cattle aged over 30 months are allowed into the food chain, Conservative farming interests bitterly resent the additional kill calculations.

That view has been strengthened by recent academic research showing that the disease is anyway being eradicated with-

out the extra slaughter. "The question now," one Whitehall source said, "is why bother?" Other Whitehall sources said

Mr Hogg would be offering that evidence, along with evidence on maternal transmission, to the European Commission on Monday in the vain hope of winning a concession.

Although a bust-up of some kind might be expected, White-hall sources said there was no question of Mr Hogg spoiling for a row over the matter - in marked contrast to the British policy of non-cooperation that preceded the Florence sum-

Ministers are being careful to emphasise that their prime con-cern is public health and safe-

They also argue, however, that the threat to the public has already been dealt with and House of Commons will not vote for further action based on Brussels prejudice, as opposed to scientific evidence.

The Downing Street meeting also agreed further measures to tackle the backlog of the programme under which all cattle over 30 months are being slaughtered. Up to Tuesday this week, In-

tervention Board figures show that 477,247 cattle over 30 months had been slaughtered, along with 181,875 calves, as part of the volunteered British cull programme.

Because of a lack of capacity in the rendering industry, many of those carcasses are being held in cold-storage around the country and Roger Free-



Douglas Hogg leaving Downing Street yesterday's meeting Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

man, the Cabinet minister who has been given special respon-sibility for organising disposal of the slaughtered cattle, said last night that two more large grain stores were to be con-

verted to cold storage to provide capacity for a further 25,000 holdings to make sure that the civil service had "an accurate

He also said that the ministry

civil service had "an accurate and up-to-date assessment of the actual size of backlog" of was to carry out an urgent 30-month cattle still awaiting survey of 5,000 livestock slaughter.

#### Gays are urged to 'queer the vote'

ANTHONY BEVINS

A mobilisation of the homosexual and lesbian vote against homophobic MPs was urged yesterday by Outrage, the "gay rights" campaign group.

Publishing a list of the coun-

try's 30 most marginal constituencies, where the homosexual and lesbian vote could make a difference, Outrage's Peter Tatchell urged supporters to "queer the vote" by getting on to the electoral reg-ister in advance of next month's annual deadline.

He said that candidates should be quizzed on their attitude towards gay issues, and people should vote against the homophobes.

The list of "target" key mar-ginals included a number of Labour and Liberal Democrat constituencies - along with the voting record of their MPs on three test issues, including Section 28 of the 1988 Local Government Act, banning authorities from promoting ho-

mosexuality.

Because a number of the Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs were not in the House in 1988, the Outrage disclosure that they "didn't vote", either because they were absent or not elected at the time, could give

a misleading impression. Harry Cohen and Jeremy Corbyn, London Labour MPs, warned that all candidates should be aware that bigotry could lose votes, and that there should be a clear Labour manifesto commitment to homo-

sexual equality at 16.
The campaign documents left Walter Sweeney, Conservative MP for Vale of Glamorgan, a man with a notional majority of 19 votes after boundary redistribution, looking particularly vulnerable. He s recorded as having voted for 21 as the age of homosexual consent, and for a ban on gays in the armed forces.

Outrage estimated that 3,000 to 6,000 voters might be poised to punish Mr Sweeney, and others like him.

facilities - which many private

for Health, stamped on pro-

posals that NHS Trusts should enter tie-ups with private in-

surers to provide their own

branded private medical insur-

That, he said, was "no part of the Government's plans for the

NHS" and could not be intro-

duced without "an unaccept-

able risk to public funds"

Under the deal the federation

is considering, however, trusts would merely help promote

Norwich Union's product, not

bear the financial risk of

Yesterday, however, he said

of the proposed Norwich Union

deal that its acceptability would

"depend a bit on the way it is promoted". Sources at Nor-wich Union said the scheme

would build on Trust Care, a

policy it already markets which

imits cover to care in NHS pay

beds, whose charges in gener

al are lower than those of pri-

vate hospitals.

underwriting the cover.

Earlier this year, Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State

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ance for patients.

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children, which cancelled a life-saving heart operation for a two-year-old girl six times, has been ordered to review its procedures by Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, who said yesterday that the situation was "unacceptable". The hospital has apologised to the parents of Emily Casey, and promised that every effort will be made to see that she has her heart operation, now scheduled for 25 September.

Emily's heart defect was diagnosed when she was just a month old. At six months she underwent an operation to stem the flow of blood to her hings. Now surgeons have to rebuild her defective heart using a vein taken from her neck.
Previous operations at the hospital had to be called off, either because of emergency admissions of other young patients or when members of the operating team became unavailable. Liz Hunt

Advice agencies could boycott the Lord Chancellor's White Paper on legal aid reform, in protest at having to charge or means-test their clients, the Government was warned yesterday. The prediction, from Steve Johnson, director of the Federation of Independent Advice Centres came as it joined with nine other legal and charitable organisations to issue a joint statement opposing the

The organisations - the Law Society, the Advice Services Alliance, the Law Centres Federation, the Federation of Independent Advice Centres, Liberty, Justice, the Child Poverty Action Group, Shelter, the Public Law Project and the Legal Action Group - said the plans would do nothing to improve individuals' access to justice but would deter many ordinary people from pursuing or defending their legal rights. The capping of aid spending for the first time and the introduction of heavier liabilities to pay contributions and opponents' costs are at the heart of the changes set out by Lord Mackey of Clashfern. Patricia Wynn Davies

A distraught mother was reunited with her baby daughter last night, after her estranged husband ended 48 hours of anguish and returned the child. Ninah Richards, 11 months, was found safe and well in Canterbury, Kent, following a nationwide alert for her and her father, Paul, and an emotional plea by her mother.

Police had expressed concern for the safety of Ninah after her 26-year-old father, who was known to be depressed at the break-up of his marriage and to have contemplated suicide, took her on Tuesday from her home in Winchester. Hampshire. Yesterday afternoon, father and baby went into a solicitor's office in Canterbury, and police in Hampshire were alerted. The child was temporarily put into the care of social services and her father was being questioned by

Complaints against police have been upheld and resulted in prosecution or formal discipline in about 2 per cent of the 23,590 cases filed in the past year. Of the 749 substantiated complaints to March 1996, 260 officers were convicted of criminal offences. The vast bulk of complaints about three quarters - were informally resolved or withdrawn. The police received 63,500 commendations from the public in the same period.

Home Office statistics also revealed that 50 people died while in police custody in England and Wales during 1995/96. Jason Bennetto

Former policeman Peter Martin was jailed for 20 years after systematically raping and sexually abusing would-be teenage models "to satisfy his own evil lust". Martin, 56, a model agency boss, and associate of jailed tycoon and rapist Owen Oyston, turned to the public gallery, winked and smiled as he was led down the steps of Manchester Crown Court to begin his sentence.

But his former lover and assistant Tracey Grainey, 30, was cleared of all four sex charges against her. Sentencing Martin, Judge Brian Carter OC said: "The parents of the girls involved trusted you and relied on you to look after their daughters, starting at your agency well under the age of 16 in some cases. You emphasised to the parents that you were an ex-police officer and therefore could be trusted."

The

The row surrounding an allegedly disruptive pupil threatened to reopen last night after an acrimonious meeting between parents and school governors. Parents had returned their children to Manton Junior School, near Worksop, Nottinghamshire, after two days of disruption in protest at the one-to-one tuition arranged for 10-year-old Matthew Wilson.

The meeting, designed to find a compromise solution, broke up after 45 minutes, and it was clear that an agreement was out of reach. Some parents threatened to keep their children away from the school today.

Conservative MP Anthony Steen recovered £100,000 libel damages plus costs against the Mail on Sunday yesterday. A story it published, headlined "Tory MP quizzed" as £100,000 of charity money goes missing was "utterly untrue, mistaken and without foundation", said a statement from Mr Steen's solicitors, Brooke Blain Russell.

Mr Steen, the MP for South Hams, set up the Task Force charity in the 1960s for young people to give practical help to the lonely and elderly. The newspaper claimed Mr Steen was refusing to account for the cash's disappearance to the Charity Commission. The case was settled out of court.

The Labour Party may call the Conservatives liars, but the Tories are not allowed to suggest that Tony Blair is "sinister and dishonest", the Advertising Standards Authority ruled yesterday. In its second controversial judgment in a month, it dismissed complaints against Labour's advertising slogan, "Same old Tories, same old

lies".

Seven individual Tory supporters had complained that the posters, a response to the Tory "New Labour, New Danger" Danger campaign, were offensive. Last month Tory Central Office was ordered not to repeat its advertisement showing the Labour leader with "demonic" eyes. Political advertising is exempt from the ASA code on "factual accuracy and truthful presentation", but is still covered by provisions of truthful presentation", but is still covered by provisions of "taste and decency" and privacy, the latter being the basis on which the Tories' advertisement was banned. John Rentoul

Television advertisements for the controversial Church of Scientology will be screened in Britain for the first time next week as part of a major recruitment drive. The sect, whose members include film actors Tom Cruise, John Travolta and Priscilla Presley, is spending £70,000 on advertising to raise its possile. advertising to raise its profile.

The advertisement will run for a month on satellite

channels UK Gold and UK Living.

#### Antonio Carluccio Fran Abrams Education Correspondent offers something to expand your perceptions of Italian

Wild mushrooms.

cooking.

Starting this week, six weeks of Italian recipes from Antonio Carluccio's new book and TV series 'Italian Feast. Find out how just a few slices of special dried funghi can alter a sauce beyond your wildest dreams.

> RadioTimes IT'S NOT WHAT YOU EXPECT.

#### PR firm relaunches Harman school

prehensive school has hired a public relations firm and changed its name to smarten up

comprehensive in Dulwich, re-jected by Labour's health spokeswoman in favour of a selective school 10 miles away, will be relaunched next week as Dul-

wich High School for Boys.
Its governors have paid an undisclosed sum to the Knightsbridge-based Shandwick Communications to oversee the reopening of the school. South-wark Council has paid £80,000 for three new computer networks and a facelift of its buildings.

months of disastrous publicity. In April 1995 it was declared "failing" by the schools' inspection body. Ofsted. In January this year Ms Harman, who lives a mile away, announced that she was sending her son to Olave's School in Bromley.

tive schools under a Labour

Ms Harman and her husband had aiready sent their elder son Harry to The Oratory, the grant maintained school attended by Tony Blair's son, Euan.

Last night Gordon Mott. Southwark's director of education and leisure, said the Harman affair had added to William Penn's problems, "The school did not feel it as-

sisted its cause, but it added to its determination to show the world that some parents make mistakes," he said. "The key issue was ensuring that the kids there get the best education possible. We didn't want to change the name in the

The school has about 500 pupils but was built for 1,000. A spokeswoman for Shandwick Communications said the fact that the school had employed the firm showed its commitment to the relaunch. No one at the school was available

Harriet Harman's local comits image.
The former William Penn

The school has endured 18

Her decision caused a polit-ical furore, with Conservatives seizing the opportunity to denounce Labour for hypocrisy the party's education spokes-man, David Blunkett, had said there would be no more selec-

government.

way that nuclear power stations change their name."

#### Hospital trusts conference: Cash battles dominate

# private insurance

could in time see NHS hospi-

tals actively promoting Nor-wich Union cover to patients -

the first time in the service's 50-

year history that it would have

actively promoted private health insurance to patients. If

there is a particular scheme

which we see as of benefit to us

and particularly to our patients,

it would be wrong of us not to promote it," said Mr Cereste.

Trusts would help sell the

Public Policy Editor

NHS Trusts are poised to strike a deal with Norwich Union, Britain's third biggest private health insurer, which could see trust hospitals promoting the sale of the company's policies to patients.

The controversial move follows a decision by BUPA earlier this year to offer its subscribers cover in a network of "preferred provider" private hospitals, which excludes NHS

pay beds.
The NHS Trust Federation claims that move could cost the NHS £50m over four years in lost income from BUPA private patients. This would threaten both NHS services which are subsidised by the profits the NHS makes from treating pri-vate patients, and put at risk Private Finance Initiative deals to build new NHS hospitals, which in some cases rely on revenue from private patients as well as

the health service. The likely deal with Norwich Union - and possibly other smaller private insurers - is the Trust Federation's attempt to hit back at BUPA and preserve its private patient income.

The package has yet to go to the Trust Federation's council for approval. But Marco Cer-este, its chairman, said yesterday there was "definitely a deal to be done". The arrangement

NHS pay-beds,

NORWICH UNION

product by telling patients wanting private cover that they would be "supporting your local NHS hospital" by taking a policy which would specifically cover them for treatment in

the safety of private treatment in the NHS where the back-up of a full district general hospi-tal is available on site - including the intensive care and other

#### Bob Abberley, head of health for UNISON, the public sector union, condemned the potential deal. "This is the shape of Trusts would also emphasise things to come under the Tory NHS," he said. "It just proves that what we have been saying about increased privatisation is happening before our very

### Pay-rise blow for nurses

tional across the board pay rise next year, the Government is to tell their pay-review body shortly. Instead, it says, nurses' pay should be determined purely locally by NHS Trusts, writes Nicholas Timmins.

Stephen Dorrell. Secretary of State for Health, said the Govcrament, in its evidence to the review body, would be seeking "maximum discretion for meaningful local negotiations" over nurses' pay. The move came un-der heavy fire last night from Unison and the Royal College of Nursing, Bob Abberley, Uni-son's head of health, said that "the Government does not icara by experience"

Last year the review body rec-

ommended a 2-per-cent na-tional award, to be topped up locally. But to date only 26 out of 530 NHS trusts have reached a settlement on a pay award due from last April and some 200 NHS employers have yet even to make an offer.

The system, Mr Abberley said, was "a shambles". Ballots for industrial action were starting to be held and "we are going to have at the back of this year what we tried to avoid last year - some industrial action". Even some NHS employers are describing local pay as "a fiasco". Anne Galbraith, vice-

chair of the NHS Trust

Federation, told Mr Dorrell at

much energy been expended to sort out so little money". Most offers that have been made involved only an additional 0.75 per cent, according to trust-federation figures. The Royal College of Nursng declared that "local pay has

failed to deliver and not just for

Six months into the financial year, fewer than one in 10 trusts had settled.

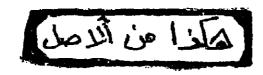
Mr Abberley said that local pay had produced "the worst of all possible worlds - demoralised, furious or mutinous staff, highly charged relations between purchasers and providers and a government sitting back its annual conference in Birm- and washing its hands of the ingham that "never has so problem".

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BACK ISSUES



# Mum's the word as the well-adjusted child finds love and happiness ... away from peer pressure

#### How nursery breeds bad behaviour

#### The first year

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Babies who spend long periods in day-care nurseries are more likely to behave badly than those who stay at home with mother. They are also less likely to make friends, according to

It has traditionally been thought that children who have carly experience of playing with their peers find it easier to adapt to social situations.

But Professor Dario Varin of the University of Milan, speaking at the British Psychological Society conference in Oxford said the children who attend day-care centres eight hours a day until the age of three tend to have less respect for the rights of other children.

He looked at 89 children between the ages of three and five in a nursery school, 36 of whom had attended day centres from their first or second years. The rest had been cared for at

#### Smacking legacy

Children who are smacked. frequently are more likely to think that physical punishment is right, the British Psychological Society heard.

They were more likely to suggest more severe punishments for children who misbehave, suggesting that attitudes are repeated from generation to generation. However, children close to their parents or who come from a family where they are seen as an important member choose less violent forms ing sent to their room, said Dr Marjone Smith, Deputy Director of Thomas Coram Research Unit, London

The children were observed in the school by their teachers and parents were asked about their child's temperament. Tests were devised to look at the children's co-operation, sociomoral developments and any

aggressive tendencies. The children were videotaped carrying out various tasks such as completing a jigsaw puzzle with another child or taking a packet of sweets to share with their class-mates.

When the children were asked to solve puzzles Professor Varin looked at whether they gave or asked for help, whether they split tasks and whether they shared the room round the

Those who had had extensive day care tended to be more competitive, refused to help and often took the jigsaw piece away from the puzzle and refused to co-operate.

And when they were asked to take a packet of sweets from one section of the school to the other, day-care children were also less likely to be able to resist the temptation of opening the sweets and eating them rather than give them to their classmates. Almost three times as many of the day-care group did this as the home-care group.

"Contrary to our expectations the early group experience did not foster co-operative behaviour," said Professor Varin. These results suggest that at least for some children an early and extended group experience does not ... foster socio-moral development even if the quality of group care is good enough."

He called on governments to bring in measures promoting more flexible employment patterns so that children could be cared for at home by ents in the early stages of their life, "a unique type of care which cannot be substituted by



Changing times: A child holds hands with his parents. Studies reveal that if he spends long period

# The satisfying side of being home alone

#### **Divorce**

GLENDA COOPER

Divorce and single parenthood can make a mother more confident and leave a child feeling more loved, according to new

In the past, most research has focused on the negative impact of divorce on parent and child. But the British Psychological Society heard yesterday that although single parent families may have more to cope with, mothers reported a sense of achievement and a feeling of doing a job well while their children experienced feelings of love and security.

Children of single parent families were also less likely to have stereotypical views of male and female roles. The results of the studies were presented at a symposium in Oxford.

While single parents tended to have tougher lives than their married counterparts, they tended to use such experiences in a more positive way.

Doctor Ann Woollett, of the University of East London, interviewed 35 families to find out what divorce actually felt

"We're not trying to suggest that divorce is good," said Dr "It is quite clear that Woollett. "It is quite clear that children can suffer problems because of divorce." But she added that such an experience could galvanise women into taking charge of their lives.

When the marriage breaks down the mother is thrown into doing all sorts of things that are unfamiliar," she said.
"There are new areas, new decisions and she is forced to

Small events such as getting the car repaired at a garage, choosing the child's school and taking the child out for the day

of achievement. "These things may sound trivial, but mothers can be filled with a sense of self-

As for the children, they often talked about a sense of stability. "Children reported a feeling of love focused on them," added Dr Woollett. During the divorce, the parents may feel they have neglected the child with all the trauma. When the divorce is over, they begin

to try to make up for that. The child may also be proud of how the mother is doing and how they are doing, they are proud to have taken up re-

Dr Woollett said the most satisfactory situation was when the child maintained good communication with the parent usually the father - who lived away from home.

But Dr Charlie Lewis, of Lancaster University, whose research found that single parents experienced more negative and positive life events than their married peers, urged caution. "We must be careful about thinking about these pos-itive changes," he said, "We are always comparing a positive change against the negative feeling that went before. The

positive is only relative.

Dr Morag Smith, of Dundee University, interviewed 49 children and their mothers, half of whom were married and half single.

She found that children from

single parent families were less rigid in their notion of what were "girls toys" and what were "boys toys".

The National Council for

One Parent Families welcomed the findings. "The research is a recognition of the positive strength and achievements of mothers who are raising their children and creating a family life against all the odds," said Karin Pappenheim, its director.

# The early stars shine for longest

#### Starting school

DOUL HINGUL **Education Editor** 

Children who are the stars of the reception class are still ahead when they take GCSE, according to a paper to be pub-lished today. The paper, from London University's Institute of Education, shows that children's first teachers affect them throughout their school career.

It reveals that those who do not settle in quickly and happily are four times less likely to be reading by the end of the year, regardless of their knowledge of reading when they started

The findings are based on an investigation by Dr Jeni Riley, the institute's Head of Primary Education, who looked at research evidence, including a study of her own, on the importance of the first year at

Her paper, being given at the British Educational Research



Seat of knowledge: The start is crucial

versity, examined studies of pupils' progress from the age of

The paper says that those who make the most progress in their first year remain the highest achievers at the ages of seven and 11 and go on to get the

Association at Lancaster Uni- that anyone can teach a fiveyear-old and says such pupils need highly trained teachers with a good knowledge of lit-

eracy and numeracy.

Three years ago, John Patten, the former Secretary of State for Education, backed proposals for a "mums' army" to teach young children but the plans were later dropped. Dr Riley found that

the children with the most ex-perienced teachers made most progress during their first year. Because children starting school already have a rich but idiosyncratic fund of knowledge, she says, it is vital for reception-class teachers to assess carefully the needs of each. Some five-year-olds are at the level of three-year-olds, while others have started to read. Hulme Trust, shows that 99 Valuable time is wasted if teachper cent of schools use reading

ers are too busy or harassed to assess them. Previous research has shown that class size makes a difference to the progress of children aged between five and seven. Dr. Riley argues that small classes are particularly important in

reception classes. "An early successful start can be made by capitalising on young children's knowledge acquired prior to school and this seems to underpin and advantage pupils for all that is to come." she says.

"It is crucial not to waste this early, incidental learning, so that children are not confused by

inappropriate teaching experiences, or worse still, alienated

by them." ■ Another study, of 1,400 schools, to be presented at the conference tomorrow, shows that traditional methods of teaching reading may be more common than is often thought. The research from Exeter University, part of a two-year project funded by the Lever

books" which may include any appropriate book. Though 90 per cent of schools said they used a mixture of methods to teach reading, the most-mentioned method was phonics, which involves the sounding of words and which is favoured by traditionalists. Ninety per cent of schools send home lists of spellings for children to learn and two-thirds of junior

schemes rather than "real

schools are using standardised reading tests as well as the Government's National Curriculum

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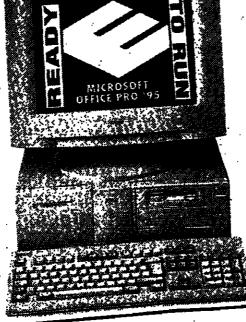
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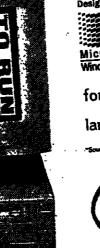
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women), the Government was guilty at least of ambivalence. France allows no alcohol ad-

vertisements on television, and alcoholic drinks are banned. from programmes aimed at children. Warning messages about health dangers have to be placed on advertising posters. Mr Rutherford said there

claring last December that the

safe drinking limit should be raised from 21 to 28 units a

week for men (14 to 21 umis for

were fewer problems involving drunkenness among young peo-ple in France than in Britain, due to a combination of government action and different so-Anderson, a scientist with the World Wide Fund for Nature, the keynote speaker in the debate on "Alcohol: Friend or-Foe", said it was a dependence producing drug which did harm to others as well asfrom those who used it - in the form of assaults, road injuries, and health service costs. He questioned whether education to encourage

British Association for the Advancement of Science Coming soon: the refrigerator with evil intent

Science Editor

The fridge of the future will be an intelligent machine able to decide for itself what food its owner needs, and to order it from a supermarket. But it might also decide that humans are troublesome extras that interfere with its efficient operation, and try to kill them.

The warning came yesterday from Roland Burns of the University of Plymouth, who said that society was moving "inevitably towards a world controlled by intelligent machines. "The question Photograph: Tom Pilston | exist, what level of control are

we going to give them, and what authority?" he told the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Birmingham An ever growing range of

consumer products, including cars, washing machines, televisions, cameras and telephones are now controlled by microchips. Though few of those items could communicate with each other now, the next generation of industrial and domestic machinery would include more "intelligence" than ever, Professor Burns said.

For instance, when you're putting food into the fridge you might swipe it past a barcode reader so your system will know what's in the house. Then you can imagine it being linked to your bank account, and to the rest of the house, so it could do everything on your behalf - pay bills, order food and so on.

However, Professor Burns believes that such scenarios contain hidden dangers. "I think most people would be happy to let machines make decisions for them, "he said. "But the fridge might decide that if it locks all the doors in the house and gets rid of you then it could really get the household operating efficiently."

tating, he said. Nor was it yes clear whether such sys could be designed so that they would never harm a human, ea ther on purpose or by accident It would however be almost a possible to avoid a finance which intelligent machines had

a central role. The rapid development of these systems by the military could lead to strange developments. The cruise missile, which could follow contours of terrain over hundreds of miles, used Seventies technology. There are extremely intelligent machines in the military environment to-

day," Professor Burns said. In the future, battles might be fought between warring mieligent machines, with humans as & by-standers. "You could have a war fought over the Internet, he said. Already, military equip ment such as the European Fighter Aircraft was uncontrollable by humans - it was inherently unstable and microprocessors were essential for it to stay in the air.

"In the next decade, we are going to see a growth of tech-nology that we have never seen before, Professor Burns said I'm just trying to raise a warn-Bugs in the programs and unpredictable effects from compositions of the programs of th

The butterfly's big mistake relying on man

MICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Half of Britain's butterfly species are "addicted to humancreated habitats", the science festival was told.

They were utterly dependent for their survival on people continuing to look after the countryside in traditional ways. Dr James Mallet of University College, London, said.

traditional practices had ceased across much of the country, to be replaced by intensive mod-

Modern agriculture has made a few extinct and left others on the brink

ern agriculture. That had caused a few to become extinct in Britain and left some others on the brink of disappearing.

Heavily grazed chalk downlands were crucial for several species, such as the large blueand-silver spotted skipper, he told the festival. But that habitat had dwindled drastically this century. Grazing had stopped on many of the steeper hillsides, with farmers preferring to graze their stock on flatter, more easily managed pastures where chemical fer-

tilisers were used.

The rabbit, also introduced to The rabbit, also introduced to to have happened to only a the British Isles by man about small extent so far.

ulation severely hit by myxo-matosis, Dr Mallet said.

That, and the abandonment of sheep- and cattle-grazing, had allowed the grass to grow tall, scrub to invade and the butter-

flies to disappear. Traditional coppicing of woodlands, in which the wood is cut down to near the base of the trunk every dozen years, had also ended across much of the country. As a result the trees had grown taller, the canopy had closed and the woods were shadier and cooler through spring to autumn, Dr Mallet added. Several now rare species, including some of the fritillary butterflies, depended

on coppicing.
The changes had benefited a few species, such as the Lulworth skipper which prefers longer grass and has spread out from a small part of Dorset, and

the speckled wood, which prefers closed-canopy woodlands to coppice.
But five species were known to have become extinct in Britain since the middle of the last century, and others that were one common were now

lieved to be 56 resident butter-Dr Mallet has been looking for evidence of a decline in the genetic diversity of rare butterfly populations caused by them becoming isolated and increasingly inbred. But that appeared

very rare. There were now be-

#### France tops drink abuse campaign

NICHOLAS SCHOON

Campaigners against alcohol abuse cited France, Europe's heaviest drinking nation, as a splendid example to the British during a debate at the festival of science in Birmingham yesterday.

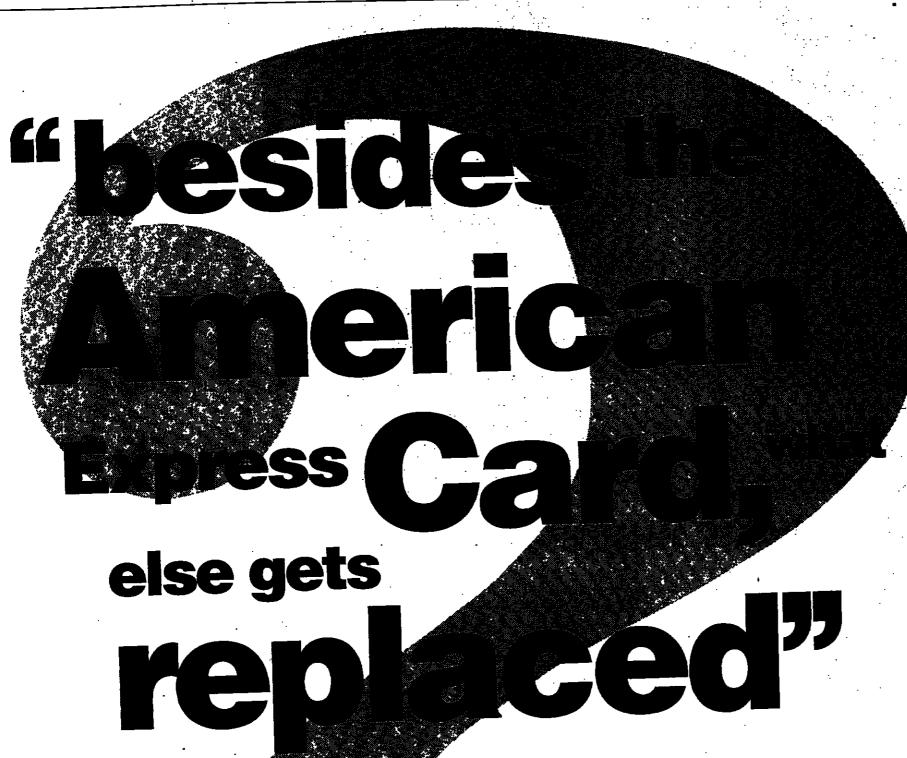
France has steadily reduced its consumption over the past quarter century and the campaigners claim that this is because its government and politicians have long sought to do so and sent clear messages to the drinking public. At the same time the trend in Britain has been static or rising.

But, as Guinness PLC's director of strategic affairs, Peter Mitchell, pointed out, the French still drink about a third more than Britain, they tax their alcohol far less, there are more alcohol-related road deaths and injuries, and more illness.

"The clear message from the French, for years and years, is that less is better," said Derek Rutherford, a former director of the National Council on Alcoholism, and a magistrate. But our government sends out no such clear message." By allowing pub opening

cial attitudes. Dr Peter sensible drinking in Britain had much impact - it was outweighed by the pro-alcohol culture.



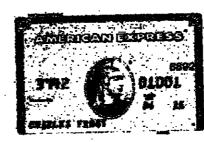




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# **Britain's** 1.5 million problem punters

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

An estimated 1.5 million people in Britain are "problem gamblers", including pathological punters and teenagers obsessed with fruit machines, according to a report published

the number of casinos, combined with the success of the National Lottery, will lead to an increase in gambling problems and a rise in crime.

The most common crimes associated with gambling are fraud, embezzlement, forgery and theft. "The pattern of offending is similar to that associated with illegal drug addiction." says the Home

Office-commissioned study.
Young people, especially
men, are particularly at risk from gambling addiction, with around five to six per cent suffering problems, mainly through playing slot machines.

Gamblers Anonymous yes-terday warned of "an explosion" in problem gambling over the next few years, fuelled by the National Letters and company National Lottery and scratch cards and an increase in the number of available casinos. Earlier this year, the Home

Office proposed allowing new casinos in 13 towns, permitting advertising for the first time. allowing late night drinking and higher stakes and pay-outs on machines. It has been examining the issue since February and is due to make an announcement on the issue in the next few months.

In 1994, there were 119 casimos in the UK with an average nightly attendance of 30,000 people who spent £2,230m. The each day with £811m at stake. scratch cards beca

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will be serious social consequences of expanding the cur-

rent system. The report concludes that any expansion in gambling facilities leads to an increase in problem gambling. "Studies also show that increased accessibility of gambling has led to an increase The findings suggest that Government proposals to relax betting laws and increase betting laws and increase and crime reported to by prob-lem gamblers to fund their habit," it says.

Male and female problem gamblers appear to choose different types of games, according to the research. Men opt for blackjack and roulette while women prefer bingo, lotteries and gambling machines. Slot machines are the first choice for

The report warns of the pressure gambling puts on health services and help groups. "Prevention programmes barely exist in the UK," say the au-thors. US studies show that gamblers may suffer a range of physical, psychosomatic and psychological disturbances and have high suicide rates, they

The study says a crude esti-mate based on figures from other countries suggests about 3.27
per cent of the adult population
in Britain – about 1.5 million people - experience gambling

A spokesman for Gamblers Anonymous said: "It is difficult to get a true picture of the problem because so many people try and hide their gambling addic-tion and only seek help in desperation when the bailiffs are

"As a group, we are not against gambling because it's a business, but we are against high-profile gambling such as the National Lottery and



# After 30 years trapped in the nightmare of Aberfan, the healing process has begun

The struggle to come to terms with the Aberfan disaster has taken Gaynor Madgwick 30 years. She was eight when the massive tip of coal waste towering over the South Wales village collapsed. Pantglas School was buried under thousands of tons of evilsmelling black slarry.

It was a scene from Dante's clawed away at the detritus of

was a horrible nightmare. Bodies lay crushed and buried. I was too dazed to scream or do

Her grandfather was among the rescuers who eventually found her. Her brother Carl, aged seven, and sister Marilyn, 10, died

- as did another 114 children It has been a long march

a typical valleys village five miles from Merthyr Tydfil, was packed for the launch of her book Struggling Out Of The Darkness and plans for ceremonies to mark the 30th anniversary of the tragedy, which falls on 21 October, were

The book is, in the truest sense, a story of courage. After months spent in hospital after

a century's mining. Gaynor was trapped with severe leg and hip injuries and she still recalls: "It a typical valleys' village five a typical valleys' village five write in her early teens. The ly 20 years. Then five years ago she steeled herself to complete

The divorced mother of three children – James 17, Ben 15 and Cassandra nine – Gaynor, slim and fair-haired, typifies the resilience of a community still scarred by the events of 30

"I hope the book will help

of Dunblane. It takes a long, long time to get the fears and frustrations out of the system. Writing the book was my way of healing" she said.

She regularly visits the miles up the valley a Korean billside cemetery where rows of hillside cemetery where rows of manufacturer of earth moving arched marble headstones stand sentinel over the village, a stark reminder of the price paid for keeping a nation warm and the wheels of industry turn-

built, closed six years ago with the loss of 400 jobs. The village is bypassed well out of sight of motorists speeding to the honeypot that is Cardiff. A few miles up the valley a factory is

equipment. Change may be in the air but the old verities of community and for keeping a nation warm and the wheels of industry turnard mutual help which inform struggling Out Of The Darkness are fighting back.



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# Hackney council \*splits over Inquiry

Labour Party claims rebels exploited row over alleged abuse cover-up

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

An independent inquiry into allegations of a cover-up of sexabuse in Hackney children's homes was ordered by a stormy council meeting

The issue has been seized on by rebel Labour councillors who this week set up their own par-ty, depriving the official Labour Party of its majority in the northeast London borough.

The special council meeting finally voted at 1am yesterday to set up an inquiry into why Mark Trotter, a local Labour activist, was employed as a care worker at a children's home in Hackney.

Trotter died of an Aids-related illness last year, just before the police told Hackney coun-

'This has been a double blow for Tony Blair, He and his cronies are backing the wrong group'

cil they had been poised to prosecute him for sexually abusing five boys in 1980-81 when he lived in Merseyside.

A Labour spokesman told The Independent the issue had been exploited as part of the foulest sort of political game" by the rebel councillors, who were looking for an excuse to set up a rival party in Hackney.

But Philip Pearson, one of the 17 rebels who call themselves the Hackney New Labour Group, said: "This has been a double blow for Tony Blair. He and his cronies on the [Labour] National Executive are backing the wrong Labour group in Hackney."

The rebels, some of whom had already been disciplined by the National Executive for op-erating a "party within a party" called the Manifesto Group, accused the council leadership of delay in looking into the Trotter affair, and of trying to avoid a selected. Twelve years later,

full independent inquiry.

The official Labour Party fought back yesterday. It pointed out that the two councillors

who chaired the social services committee and who had known about the Trotter allegations since August last year, are both rebels. Gerry Ross, social services chairman from last December to June this year, is the

A Labour spokesman insisted that the council leadership decided to set up an independent inquiry as soon as the allegations were made known to the whole council two months ago.

leader of Hackney New

And it was claimed that Cynthia Thomas O'Garrow, an elderly councillor with cataracts, was induced to sign a letter announcing that she was joining the rebels after being told that it was demanding an independent inquiry into the Trotter charges. She later

The political effects of this week's defection by the Labour rebels are likely to be surprisingly limited. Despite claims by Hackney New Labour to have "forged links with" the 10 Liberal Democrats and eight Conserva-tives on the council, it seems that the opposition parties will have nothing to do with the break-

aways.
The official Labour Party, led by John McCafferty, seems set to go on running the council. Mr McCafferty was effectively re-imposed by the national Labour Party earlier this week, having been deposed as leader last vear.

Local government in Hackney has been a hideous embarrassment to democracy and a betraval of the residents of the deprived London borough for three decades.

Against a background of the tortured politics of the Hackney Labour Party, fraud and incompetence have flour-

Controversy in recent years has focused on the role of Bernard Crofton, the "fraudbusting" housing chief portrayed equally forceful as part of Hackney's problem and as part of its salvation.

One former Labour activist in Hackney must be hugely re-lieved that he failed to become a councillor. In 1982 he put himself forward to be a Labour candidate, but was not Tony Blair was leader of the Labour Party. Now he might have to clean up the mess in

#### Trials dogged by the growing flock of Saturday amateurs



No bar on outsiders: a competitor at the International Sheepdog Trials at Chatsworth, Derbyshire, yesterday

Bureaucracy

A sharp whistle split the early morning air and the first run of the International Sheepdog Trials was under way,

Eric Barfoot, 50, a fisheries officer from County Tyrone, stood with his dog Man on the Chatsworth estate in Derbyshire ready to compete. He is among a growing number of Saturday trialists" in the sport who have never worked on a farm. The trend has angered some shepherds

"There is resentment, but I compete because I love it " he said. "I know I will never be able to read sheep the way a full-time shepherd does but I get pleasure from working with a dog and just being outside."

Nearby was Mike Northwood, 38, a full-time shepherd. "There are more Saturday trialists than ever before," he said. "They can do it because they've got money to buy good dogs at something like £1,500 a time. I don't begrudge them the pleasure but I don't think they should compete with full-time shepherds." Philip Hendry, secretary of the International Sheepdog Society, said of the sport's growing popularity. It is the attraction of the unique partnership between man or woman and a working dog. Photograph: John Houlihan The public just love it."

#### DAILY POEM

#### Don't Ask

By Brian Patten

Tell me, love, what were you thinking of?

I was thinking how there are certain times of the night when the dead wipe the frost from their souls and weep.

Of nothing simpler?

Of a courtyard I once visited, and of a woman standing beside a statue covered in snow.

Of no one else? No one nearer?

She was so beautiful. Had she been made of nettles I'd have wanted her.

Why think of her now, at this moment?

Because I am still mixing the ashes of the dead and of dead

Why answer me like this?

Because I am bankrupt of small comforts, of small deceits. Because we two are new, and without history, And treasonous memory sleeps in so many beds.

Brian Patten, one of the "Liverpool Poets", along with Adrian Henri and Roger McGough, was born in that city in 1946. He has published eight collections of poetry and numerous books for children. Translated into Italian, Spanish, German and Polish, Patten is one of the few British poets with a European readership, and a readership that crosses the Latin/Germanic cultural divide. Flamingo publish his latest collection Armada next week (£5.99). It is quite wonderful.

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Fast forward to 1996 and in their earnest desire to regulate just about everything, today's bureaucrats have ruled that the poor fish has now to be 'de-canonised' and renamed Tilapia, its Roman name

As they clearly point out. If there is a name prescribed by law for a food, that is to say if a particular name is required to be used for the food, that name shall be used for the food.

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European plans to extend the maximum 48-hour week to new groups of workers, including doctors and transport workers. were welcomed by the TUC yesterday, but provoked a furious reaction from Conservative

Euro-sceptics.

John Monks, TUC general secretary, said he would submit evidence to Brussels that pilots. seafarcrs and professional drivers who are overworked pose a serious danger to safety.

But Sir Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, warned yesterday that the plans confirmed his "nightmare" that the Government would be powerless to resist the imposition of the entire Social Chapter by the back door.

"The Government know what the score is. I just wish that they would accept there is a crisis here and it is a desperately serious crisis," he said.

William Waldegrave. Chief Secretary to the Treasury, argued for greater flexibility rather than further European regulation of the labour market in a speech in the City.

to deny that people had feelings of job insecurity, but said: Things are not as pessimistic as they seem.

About half the people now entering temporary work find more permanent jobs within a year, he said, and "Britain is much better at moving people up from the bottom pay levels to higher pay levels

Britain was a much more upwardly mobile society, more like America than other European countries, he said.

The Independent revealed vesterday that the European Commission is drawing up proposals to extend its maximum 48-hour week rule to people who usually work long hours but are excluded from the existing European law. A spokeswoman for the em-

ployment commissioner, Padraig Flynn, told BBC radio: "We have said we need to look again at these sectors because there is no technical justification for the exclusion of a number of these sectors and activities from the directive.

Mr Monks welcomed the proposal which would guarantee proper rest breaks and ben-

efit more than half a million British transport workers.

The TUC believes transport workers would stand to benefit most from legal limits to working time. The average British lorry driver works a 62-hour week, flight crews can work up to 60 hours a week and case studies include a ship's captain who worked 98 hours over a sev-

But the Government has challenged the existing European law restricting the working week on the grounds that it should be a Social Chapter measure which would not apply in Britain. The European Court is expected to rule next month that the law is a health and safety measure which applies in all member countries under the single market treaty provisions.

Health and safety measures can be introduced by majority votes, which means they can be imposed against the wishes of

the British government. Labour is pledged to sign up to the Social Chapter, strongly supported by the trade unions, which regard Europe as an important guarantor of employees' rights and public safety.

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view of factory life in Modern Times may seem to many workers an accurate one Photograph: Ronald Grant

#### chasm Rift with Blair becomes a Mr Dubbins, secretary of the

BARRIE CLEMENT

COMPANIES, WE DON'T

New Labour's rift with the unions widened yesterday when the TUC urged it to toughen proposals on employment law to allow unlimited secondary action and give workers full rights

backed a resolution urging Labour to take reforms much further, adding to the party's embarrassment.

Alan Johnson, leader of the postal workers involved in the Royal Mail dispute, attacked

from "day one". The TUC Tony Blair's suggestion that his backed a resolution urging union should ballot on the latest peace offer.

The question of if and when or how many times we ballot is a matter for us as free independent trade unions, not a matter for the state." But the conference over-

whelmingly defeated a propo-sition by Mr Johnson calling for workers to be allowed to strike

without a vote when "urgent defensive action" was required. Proposing the resolution which called for a more radical Labour approach, Tony Dubbins, the print workers' leader, denounced its key proposals on union recognition as "non-

cratic and unworkable

Recognition should be "automatic" when a union could prove more than half the workforce were members.

The proposition also de-manded that a Blair cabinet grant full rights to workers on the first day of their employment, as promised by John Smith, the Labour leader who died in 1994. Under Mr Blair the party has moved away from the pledge, pointing out that litigation under European law would probably reduce the qualifying period from the present two years to one.

GPMU union, said a proposal giving strikers a right to claim unfair dismissal if they were sacked during lawful industrial action "invited victimisation". He said legislation on secondary action should be brought into line with International Labour Organisation conventions, which derive from the United Nations Charter. The ILO standards allow for few restrictions on solidarity action. The print union leader welcomed Labour's commitments in its document "Building Prosperity. Flexibility, Efficiency

and Fairness at Work", but said

it "fell considerably short" of

union aspirations.

# Six more networks set to join rail strike

RARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

Industrial unrest on the rail net work spread after guards and catering staff at another six train operators voted to walk out.

In the wake of the ballot results announced yesterday, the RMT transport union called 24hour strikes on Friday 20 September and Monday 23 September.

A further four companies were already due to walk out on 23 September, raising the prospect of 10 separate stoppages that day. The action will involve 6,000 employees and cause considerable disruption in much of the rail system.

The networks affected include the flagship Gatwick Express line, Cardiff Railways, South West Trains, InterCity West Coast, South West Trains, Anglia, and overnight staff at ScotRail who work on InterCity

sleepers.
Employers at Thames Trains and a solitary RMT member

who works on the Island Line on the Isle of Wight voted against action.

and catering staff had already opted to walk out are: Regional Railways North East, North West Regional Railways, and South Wales and the West, and guards at ScotRail, who work in a division separate from sleeper staff.

Ballot results are to be announced on 20 September at South Central, South Eastern and Central Trains.

The disputes involve claims for refreshment breaks and a demand that RMT members be paid for previous productivity

Jimmy Knapp, general sec-retary of the RMT, said that Labour Party plans to curb industrial action at public services would not have helped to avoid the disruption. He said their proposals had been drawn up without reference to those who had experience in industrial

He revealed that the votes to strike have varied from 63 per cent at Anglia to 90 per cent at The four lines where guards the Cardiff railway company.

Mr Knapp said RM1 mem bers were claiming an 11 percent pay increase for past productivity, but some companies had settled by offering employees an extra £10, which amounted to considerably less than the claim.

He estimated that it would cost the industry just £8m to settle the dispute, around half a per cent of its pay bill. He said the votes displayed both the "disquiet and determination" among staff. The union had been prepared to be flexible but the British Rail Board was influencing management and pre-

venting settlements. Management sources said that some companies believed they were close to deals, and were surprised that their employees had voted to take action.

The source calculated that up to half the staff in the companies did not belong to the RMT

#### Watford crash blamed on train driver and track

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The inquiry by Railtrack into the Watford train accident in which a woman was killed last month blames the driver of one of the trains, who went through a red light, and the layout of the

The investigation has been hampered by the absence of a usable tape in the recording device on the northbound commuter service which went through a red light before hit-ting an empty southbound train. The tape was found by the investigators to be blank because of faulty maintenance.

The lack of the tape, which would have recorded data on speed, brakes and signals, is an embarrassment to the rail industry as the recorders' installation was a key recom-mendation of the Hidden inquiry into the 1988 Clapham rail disaster and this was the first crash in which it would have

provided definitive evidence. One theory is that the train driver suffered a blackout, and only became aware of a problem when he saw the red light. He slammed on the brakes but because there is a shorter than usual distance between the signal and the points which it is cost which led to the decision.



pposed to protect, he collided with the up train.

Publication of the report, by safety consultant David Maidment who retired from Railtrack last year, has been postponed, possibly until the end of the month, while Railtrack considers its response.

Mr Maidment's report will say that the decision in 1992 to create the short overlap after the signal - 160 yards instead of 200 - was made because of technical difficulties, as the signal is so near a bend, rather than to save the £200 (NR) cost of moving gantries. The rail unions will

Photograph: Cherry Dale

The report is thought to be highly critical of the fact that drivers were not informed of the 60mph speed limit imposed as

a result of the short overlap. The accident would have been prevented by the installation of Automatic Train Protection, another recommendation of the Hidden inquiry. However, British Rail and the Government refused to install it because the £400m cost was not thought to have been worthwhile as it would only have saved around 30 lives over the lifetime of the system and it was felt the money would be argue that it was primarily the better spent on more costeffective safety measures.

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# Parties vie for the support of young voters

Labour offers cut-price membership for under-21s and Tory luminaries hold teach-in for youth activists

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Both the Labour and Conservative parties have woken up to the importance of wooing the next generation of voters and are launching campaigns to highlight their rival attractions to disenchanted youngsters.

As Labour yesterday unveiled its recruitment drive designed to boost membership among 18- to 21-year-olds, it emerged that the Tories are also planning a campaign which tar-gets the young. Labour is offering a reduced membership fee of £1 to all under-21s join-

ing the party for the first time. Billy Bragg, the socialist singer who formed the Eighties pop-into-politics movement, Red Wedge, in an effort to mobilise youngsters to vote for Neil Kinnock in the 1987 elections, feels New Labour is failing to 'excite" young people. "Don't ask me why young people aren't voting for the Labour Party," he said. "The Labour Party isn't presenting anything to young people to get them excited."

The Tories' new drive to attract young first-time voters at the next General Election is co-

Bournemouth next month. It will feature advertisements aimed at the same crucial age group and a new magazine is also in the pipeline.

The idea is for the Tories to cling on to one of the most significant statistics to emerge from the last election, that according to an ICM survey, 40 per cent of 18- to 29-year-olds voted Tory.

University more than 100 young Tory activists were taught campaigning techniques and communication skills by Alan Duncan MP, parliamentary private secretary to the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, and fellow MPs Steve Norris and Peter Luff. Also speaking for the audience, drawn from Young Conservative branches and Tory student groups, was Harvey Thomas, the party's former communications director and

General Election mastermind. The Birmingham weekend and the presence of such party luminaries further underlines the importance Labour and the Tories are attaching to wooing the youth vote. They are not

Their approach will be revealed torically apathetic young people at the party conference in to become more political. At the end of this month the Ministry of Sound, the successful club in south London, will launch its own cinema advertising campaign aimed at making politics seem more relevant to young people and to make the older generation more aware of the issues that concern them.

The intention is not to persuade the young to vote a particular way but to make politics more understandable and to make them realise that they have a part to play in politics. Topics to be covered include homelessness, gay rights, racism and unemployment, and stem from surveys carried out at the Ministry asking the clubbers which issues most worry them. Mark Rodell, managing di-

rector for the Ministry, said that out of 15 political issues these were the ones that young people were most worried about. A Central Office spokesman confirmed the Conservatives were exploring new ways of win-

ning the youth vote.

"There are several things we are doing which have yet to be revealed," she said. The aim was to better last time's 40 per cent figure, she added.



Billy Bragg: 'The Labour Party isn't presenting anything to young people to get them excited'

#### Generation with bigger worries

For every youngster prepared to stop and chat about their political preferences on Commercial Road in east London vesterday, there were at least three who hurried by, mumbling: "Sorry, I can't help you.

I'm not into politics."
Warsame Ali, 17, said he planned to vote Labour but could not spare the time to canvas for the party. "You've got to sort out your future before you get involved in politics. That's the first priority," he said. "I'm about to start a three-month about to start a three-month will be a lot who will respond. augnt get a job so I haven't got enough time to hang around for the Labour Party." He has no illusions about Labour. "The promise a lot," he said. "They

may do it. They may not." Helen Wilkinson, a project director at the independent think-tank, Demos, believes that if Tony Blair wins the election but fails to deliver, Warsame will become just one of legions of first-time voters who will ditch politics once

and for all. What might have seemed a reversal of fortunes in that finally young people were vot-ing again might become the final nail in the coffin," she said. "A temporary upsurge in political awareness and interest could get knocked back if Blair doesn't

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deliver what he promises."

Ms Wilkinson believes
Labour's drive to recruit youngsters will go down a treat with the generation for whom "politics has become a dirty word". Given that 43 per cent of under-25-year-olds eligible to vote in the last election chose not to, compared to 31 per cent in 1987, all parties should be "investing

in the next generation".
"People do respond to a bit of flattery, the feeling that someone is out to woo them in some form," she said. "There will be

would support Labour when she was old enough to vote but had no intention of joining the party. "It's not my type of thing," she said. Neither could she imagine any of her friends in Labour-run Newham signing

up. "Round my area the only thing that matters is being tough - being hard. They would think it makes them look a bit soft." Unemployed Richard Martin, 19, who had just come from

the benefits office, said he would take a lot of convincing to vote for any party - let alone sign up as a member. "I don't think a vote will make any dif-

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# Trade threat to axe aid for 'Top Of The Pops'

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Top Of The Pops, the BBC's flagship pop music programme for more than 30 years, is now heavily subsidised by the record companies, The Independent has discovered.

Anger among record company executives over the BBC moving the programme from Thursdays to Fridays, where it is up against Coronation Street, has provoked them to speak for the first time about the extent to which the companies subsidise the programme.

And at least one company is threatening to withdraw its support if the corporation does not move the programme back to Thursdays. If the BBC does give in, it will be open to the accusation that the industry's financial support has played a part in the decision.

A senior record company executive said: "Everything you see on the set of *Top Of The Pops* apart from the audience and the cameras is supplied by the record companies – the artists, the backdrops, the lighting.

Paul Burger, chairman of Sony Music, revealed that Sony, whose roster includes Oasis, Michael Jackson and Bruce Springsteen, is threatening to withdraw "support" because he

thinks the programme might lose viewers. "Over the past year we have spent half a million pounds supporting TOTP, half of which is in setting up satellites and overseas transmissions to tie in with the programme," he said. "I don't intend to continue that level of support."

A spokesman for Virgin Records, which represents George Michael, said: If TOTP wants George we would bring him over from America or wherever he happens to be. We have to pay for all the transport and would probably bring in a special set and lighting for George. It can easily cost thou-

sands of pounds."
David Hughes, vice president of EMI, said record companies did not object to paying transport, accommodation and other costs to get their artists on "the best music programme around". But he added: "The other side of the coin is that the BBC expects those sorts of expenses to be paid by the record companies. It's not only getting the artists there. It's set-dressing and extra musicians and

"In the old days I never remember record companies flying people in. Everything was done in the studio and there were no videos or satellite links.

This has really happened over the last 10 years."

The system leaves the smaller independent labels at a disadvantage. Paddy Prendergast, who co-runs the Grapevine label, said: "There are inequalities here. Given that the BBC is a public broadcasting service and Top Of The Pops is one of the biggest marketing opportunities, it would be nice if everyone had equal access to it, but the fact of the matter is we don"?

"If we were offered a spot on Top Of The Pops for Emmylou Harris [the American country singer] it would cost us £20,000 to bring her and her band over and we would have to think, is it worth it?"

A BBC spokeswoman said the producer, Rik Blaxili, decided who appeared, and the programme had its own "dedicated" set and lights. "All or programmes are made and scheduled for our licence-payers and not to meet the aspirations of commercial interests," she said. "The editorial control rests entirely with the producer. Record companies have no editorial influence on Top of The Pops.

"We decide what artists we want and the record companies physically produce them. No money is given to the BBC."



Curtain call: Sonia Swaby, who is taking over the role of Nancy in the revival of Lionel Bart's Oliver at the London Photograph: David Rose Palladium, is the first black actress to appear in the role in the West End

240,000 record for the Proms

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

The Proms achieved record attendances this year, the BBC

said yesterday.

The 102nd season, which ends tomorrow, has averaged an 89 per cent of sale of seats for the evening concerts, a 7.8 per cent increase on last year.

cent increase on last year.

This year's season also had a record number of concerts, 72 in 58 days, and a total of 240,000 tickets were sold, the highest ever.

Nicholas Kenyon, controller of Radio 3, who took over from Sir John Drummond this year as director of the Proms, said: "This has been an extremely adventurous Proms season, with 23 premieres and no less than 79 works new to the Proms.

"We have sold all seats at 37

"We have sold all seats at 37 concerts, for programmes including major contemporary works by Turnage. Glanert, Gerhard and Tippett among many others."

many others."
Research shows that the season at the Albert Hall attracted a substantial number of first-timers and it is hoped many will become Radio 3 listeners.

Mr Kenyon will take a more relaxed attitude to the atmosphere of the last night than his predecessor, who last year forbade "extraneous" noises. Mr Kenyon said: "I am a 'let joy be unconfined' man myself."



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The British book industry is taking its first tentative steps toward interactivity with the publication at the end of next month of Laura Esquivel's The Law of Love, published by Chatto and Windus. This new book, by the author of Like Water For Chocolate, is intriguingly billed as "a novel with music and "Britain's first multimedia novel\*. These claims turn out to be based on a CD of Puccini arias and Mexican canzones which is attached nside the back cover. The idea is that they tie into key moments in the plot, offering "a new reading experience"." Readers are advised when to play each work by discreet notes at the strategic points labelled "CD Track 1" and so on. Not so easy of course, if one is reading the novel on the bus or tube.

Poetry lovers will be interested to see that BBC

Books are publishing The Nation's Favourite Poems, on 26 September. Viewers of the Bookworm programme on BBC television may recall that Rudyard Kipling's If came top in a poll it conducted last October of the nation's 100 best-loved poems, closely followed by Tennyson's The Lady of Shallot and Walter de la Mare's The Listener. While these three school stalwarts may not seem the most inspiring choices, the full range of the 100 poems in the £5.99 paperback is

excellent.

Many of the best in the language can be found between its covers, including Manley Hopkins' The Windhover and God's Grandeur, Browning's My Last Duchess, Marvell's To His Coy Mistress, Eliot's Journey of the Magi, Heaney's Blackberry-Picking and Coleridge's Kubla Khan.

Despite the absence of late

Yeats, a wonderful bedside book.

ollowing the wildfire success of Primary Colors, the anonymous and savage send-up of the 1992 Presidential campaign Hodder is hoping to cause a more British stir with an anonymous novel called A Ouestion of Justice. The typescript by "a prominent figure in our criminal justice system" landed on the desk of deputy managing director Susan Fletcher the week she was going on holiday but nevertheless she read it, loved it, and bought it two days later. The novel is, she says cryptically, Bonfire of the Vanities out of Primary Colors. It will be published in July 1997, and the author's identity is to be kept secret even from Fletcher herself. My money's on Cherie Blair.

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# US strike against Iraq almost inevitable

RUPERT CORNWELL

A fresh and probably large-scale United States military strike against President Saddam Hussein became virtually inevitable yesterday, as high precision F-117 stealth bombers left the US for Kuwait, while Baghdad claimed to have fired three more missiles against American warplanes enforcing the "no-fly" zones in southern and northern

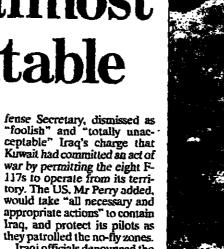
The assertion by the Iraqi News agency was quickly re-butted by the Pentagon here which said it had no knowledge of any such attacks. But deeds and the ever-shriller rhetoric emanating from both Washington and Baghdad over the past 24 hours leave scant doubt that - whether or not the missiles were fired - it is now merely a question of when, not

if, the US launches its reprisal. Speaking to reporters yesterday William Perry, the De-

fense Secretary, dismissed as "foolish" and "totally unacceptable" Iraq's charge that Kuwait had committed an act of war by permitting the eight F-117s to operate from its territory. The US, Mr Perry added, would take "all necessary and appropriate actions" to contain Iraq, and protect its pilots as

Iraqi officials denounced the US behaviour as "state terrorism" which, they insisted, would only isolate Washington in the world community. "The aggressive Americans and their allies who have pursued the path of evil will not reap but further humiliation and disappointment," a statement said

Mr Perry's remarks followed his warning on Wednesday that the response to President Saddam's latest "provocations" would be "disproportionate", implying that the forthcoming retaliation would not be confined to the air defence installations in the south, which Clinton emphasised that talk of



President Saddam is now said to be rebuilding after the dam-

Speaking shortly afterwards during a campaign swing through Arizona, President Bill

war "should not spiral out of hand". Even so, most students age inflicted by the last week's of US policy towards Iraq betwo rounds of cruise missile lieve that he has no choice but to respond, and should do so

> According to many analysts, the despatch of the F-117s -

war - signifies that the Pentagon envisages strikes at key Iraqi installations, perhaps in Baghdad itself, and perhaps in pursuit of President Saddam.

Among possible targets list-

bombing of strategic targets in the first hours of the 1991 Gulf mony to the Senate Armed mony to the Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday, were command bunkers, the Iraqi air force on the ground, or gical or chemical weapons pro-

Republican Senator Richard Lugar, one of the most reforeign affairs. For campaign reasons too, Mr

Clinton is under pressure to

waves of 44 cruise missiles had succeeded in suppressing President Saddam. Hesitation now would be seized upon by his opponents as sign of damage to US foreign policy credibility, and proof of Mr Clinton's illsuited-



On the road: Kurdish refugees at the Iranian border after fleeing Sulaymaniyah when the city was taken over by KDP fighters, newly allied with Saddam Hussein Photograph: AFF

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## Judge accused of cover up in Cools murder case

SARAH HELM Brussels

Melchior Wathelet, the Belgian judge at the European Court of Justice, was yesterday accused of being part of a cover up in Belgium's escalating corruption and murder scandal.

The family of the former deputy prime minister, Andre Cools, shot dead in 1991, called on prosecutors to lift the immunity of Mr Wathelet, who was Belgian minister of justice from

The family accused Mr

Wathelet, a member of the Christian Socialist Party (PSC), and formerly a prominent politician in the Walloon region, of impeding the course of justice during the inquiries which followed Cools's killing. The family are furious that several suspects first identified in relation to the killing in 1992 were arrested only at the weekend.

No evidence was produced to justify the allegations against Mr Wathelet, which come in an atmosphere of widespread public suspicion against all figures in Belgian politics.

As the scandal continued to produce stunning revelations, it emerged separately yesterday that new evidence had been given to the authorities suggesting that the Cools killing may have been carried out by Sicilian Mafia bitmen, as long suspected. Belgian television reported ecutors now have the names of the two killers. who are said to be Timisian in origin, with Sicilian ties. The identities of the men, who have not been arrested, came to light during a raid by tax authorities on a Belgian house.

Le Soir reported that the authorities now have confirmation that the killers were recruited in Canicatti, in Sicily. According to the newspaper the investigators had evidence to this effect, based on telephone tappings, dating back to 1991.

However, the Belgian authe murder of Cools, who was prominent socialist politician, thought to have been gunned down on the order of political rivals. The authorities have also failed so far to confirm whether

any clear links exist between the Cools inquiry and the inquiry into the child sex ring of Marc Dutroux. Speculation of a link followed the revelation that some of the same individuals had been questioned in both in-

The accusations by the Cools family against Mr Wathelet are not the first to be made against the Luxembourg judge since the

Following the discovery of child murder and sex abuse allegedly perpetrated by Marc Dutroux and his accomplices,

Mr Wathelet was accused by the families of the dead girls of letting Dutroux walk free during his period as justice minister. It was Mr Wathelet who agreed to Dutroux's release when be had completed three years of a 13year sentence for child rape.

The accusations made yesseparate, and relate to the way he oversaw the inquiries in the Cools murder, However, given the connections already made between the two cases, Mr Wathelet's name is certain to

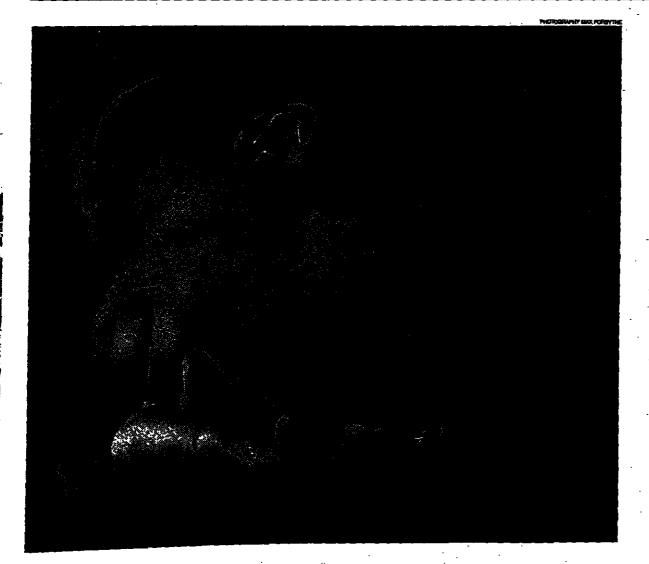
come under the spotlight.

lieve the prosecutors will order the lifting of Mr Wathelet's immunity in the immediate future. All Belgian ministers and former minister enjoy immunity from prosecution in relation to their political activities.

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Today, the area is one of the most visited tourist sites in the country. But nearly 400 years ago Jamestown was a harsh and brutal land. Of the 104 people who survived the five-month Atlantic crossing and came ashore on 13 May, 1607, only 38 made it through the first eight months, the rest died of disease, starvation and skirmishes with the local Indians.

One at least of those skirnishes has passed from history into legend. Among the commanders of the original fort was Captain John Smith, who on a foray for food in December 1607 was captured by the local Indian chieftain Powatan and, by Smith's ac-count, was only saved from execution by Powatan's daughter Pocahontas - a story very looserelated in last year's Walt

Disney feature cartoon. Indisputably, Jamestown was the cradle of English civilisation in the Americas. A first attempt at a permanent settlement, by Sir Walter Raleigh at Roanoke in what is now North Carolina, was abandoned in 1584. It was not until 1620 that the Mayflower put down anchor at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

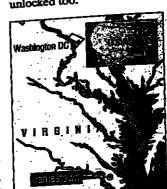
At a ceremony yesterday George Allen, the Governor of Virginia, called Jamestown, site

of the first-elected assembly in North America, "the source spring of American democracy". From the island, Dr Kelso said, "evolved our political institutions, our language, our commerce and much of our cul-

ture. No other American site predates Jamestown in historical significance." And, the archaeologists hope, they will soon find out far more. The present dig which began in 1994 is part of preparations for the fourth centennial of the Jamestown landing. Thus far, only \$700,000 (£460,000) has been spent on the \$17m project. By 2002, if all goes well, not only will any lingering doubts about the authenticity of the find have been banished, but the secrets of the later "James

Towne" site next to the re-

placement fort will have been



SA struggles to please the big bad world

Rafsanjani's visit poses a foreign policy dilemma for Pretoria, reports Mary Braid

Johannesburg — South Africa was yesterday accused of yet another foreign policy gaffe on the first day of a state visit to the country by President Rafsanjani

At best the visit is ill-timed. President Mandela honoured the leader of the country the United States accuses of sponsoring international terrorism with a 21-gun salute. Meanwhile Thabo Mbeki, the deputy president, is completing a high-profile, week-long visit to the US to woo investors.

At worst the visit, during which an oil storage deal worth 750m rand (£107m) a year to South Africa will be discussed, reflects a contradictory position. It also reinforces criticism that South Africa has no coherent foreign policy and that its foreign ministers possess little political acumen.

There has already been strong criticism of President Mandela's dogged determination to follow a "two China policy" - pursuing strong links with both China and Taiwan and his stubborn loyalty to old allies such as Libya and Cuba. Critics say South Africa's international openness amounts to no more than a naive desire for the entire world to love it. In diplomatic circles Alfred

Nzo, the foreign minister, is held responsible for what many see as a poor foreign relations start. Among the many criticisms of the man nicknamed Nzozzazaza are that he lacks experience and We all sit around scratching

our heads on the Libya question," said one diplomat. "Why this debt of loyalty to Libya when it actually supported the Pan-Africanist Congress."
The foreign affairs depart-

ment is taking the criticism -

particularly from its own MPs -seriously. But at a two-day foreign affairs seminar this week officials said the row over Iran ignored the vast trade deficit beween the two countries. "We import R4bn of oil from

Iran and only export R300m of goods to the country," one said. 'It's a dramatic imbalance." Offending the Americans had to be weighed against the

national interest. Everything the new regime did came under the spotlight. Yet it was only one stop on a six-country tour by the Iranians. "We are not exactly supping at a table where no one else has sat." Officials also complain that

critics forget the conditions from which the new democracy emerged. Privately they admit a foreign policy weakness may be the country's attempt to be all things to all people. "Perhaps the real world is a lot tougher than we imagined."

luctance to play a greater role in regional conflicts, there was too little recognition of the heavy legacy of the previous government, which had intentionally destabilised the region. The new South Afr involved but avoid becoming a

reviled "big brother". Greg Mills, director of the South African Institute of International Affairs, has called the department's new discussion document on foreign policy "an ambitious and at times confusing wish list" and con-cluded that a combination of weak foreign policy and the high international standing of President Mandela has led to a situation where foreign profile masquerades as foreign policy.

Yesterday he was a little



Alfred Nzo: Minister has

noring South Africa's regional successes, including its revitalisation of the 12-member South African Development Community, which had become no more than a talking shop.

They also forgot that in the past two years the foreign affairs department had seen a massive expansion abroad, from a mere 30 representatives during apartheid to the current 120.

There had been disasters, such as Mr Nzo's comments this year on the Lockerbie bombing. supportive of Libya. And a large political donation from Taiwan to the ANC in the run up to the elections.

If the deal with Iran goes ahead, despite the US's condemnation and criticism at home that it would contravene South Africa's commitment to human rights, it may actually reflect a growing maturity and independence.

foreign policy is still more rooted in idealism than most others, but decreasingly so. The current foreign policy calculation should be made on the basis of economic benefit against the level of US wrath South Africa's priority has to be the

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Dr Mills says the country's

prosperity of its people.

Foreign policy is about mak-While the new South Africa ing hard choices. I think the US



# 1,000 set to quit HK every week

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

A new survey suggests the ex-odus from Hong Kong will increase this year, with more than 1,000 people leaving each week, a level not seen since the aftermath of the 1989 Tianan-

men Square massacre. The colony returns to Chimonths. Previous predictions that the bulk of the exodus had tapered off now appear to have been over-optimistic. The survey, by Hong Kong's Institute of Human Resources Management, suggests emigration will rise by 23 per cent this year, with 53,000 people leaving. The gov-

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ernment admits this figure might be correct but says its own estimates, based on information from consulates, suggest 46,000

Whatever the outcome, no one denies that those leaving are drawn from the élite of skilled and entrepreneurial people who leave hard-to-fill gaps. There are already shortages of well-quainese sovereignty in less than 10 iffied managerial staff. The senior ranks of the civil service, where many officers have right of abode in Britain, look set to thin rapidly. Almost half the police officers above the rank of senior superintendent have told

the force they intend leaving.

A report to be published

sition Project, which is monitoring attitudes to the transfer of sovereignty, indicates that 80 per cent of the population are prepared to make a definite commitment to staying in the territory.

The report states that about 7 per cent of the population already hold foreign passports and can leave at a moment's notice, while 5 per cent are applying. Thus it may be realistic to assume that about 12 per cent. of the population are in a position to leave.

However, the project's re-search suggests a combination of factors, including right of overseas abode through family ties, could allow as much as 20 per cent of the population to go.
"This introduces a considbalanced by an inflow from those who established residenerable element of instability to cy abroad and are returning to Hong Kong not present in other entities", said Michael Desecure better-paid work. However, the Institute of Human Golyer, the project's director. Resources Management re-The large numbers of those search suggests that although the number of those returning preparing to go become more alarming when added to the is rising significantly, only a fifth many who have been leaving remained in the colony before

going back to their new homes. No one knows whether the British nationality scheme, which gave passports to 50,000 families, but allows them to resacre, reflecting the average main in the colony indefinitely, will have its desired effect of anchoring" key people to The government has been saying the outflow from Hong cure escape-hatch. Anecdotal

those offered passports are tak-ing them up immediately. The biggest brake on Hong Kong emigration prospects is likely to come from the countries which are targets for resettlement. Australia, for example, looks set to increase restrictions on certain types of immigrants.

Anti-Asian immigration sentiment is a big issue in the coming New Zealand election, which is likely to result in more restrictions, regardless of the outcome. Canada is cracking down on Hong Kong immigrants who do not fulfil citizenship requirements by spending enough time in the country, meaning many seeking evidence suggests that many of a new home may have to return.

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Armed bandits ambushed 25 Italian and American tourists in Tanzania's Serengeti National Park, opening fire on their vehicles and seriously injuring at least two, embassy officials said. About a dozen bandits staged the attack in last Sunday. No deaths were reported but casualties included two women, one American and one Italian, who were evacuated by air to hospital in neighbouring Kenya with fractures caused by bullets. Renter

A Briton pleaded guilty to sexually abusing two boys in Albania, his lawyer told a Tirana court. Defendant Paul Thompson, 34, had originally denied the charges. Thompson, from Ashford, Kent, could face up to five years in jail if convicted. The divorced father of two was arrested on 25 August in a hotel in the Adriatic resort of Durres. about 45km (30 miles) west of Tirana. Reuter - Tirana

Pritain has welcomed an initial step by Fiji to scrap its Pracially-biased constitution and said it would like the South Pacific nation to return to the Commonwealth from which it was expelled in 1990. We would like to see Fiji return. But this is not a decision which the UK alone can take," said the Foreign Office minister, Jeremy Hanley. Reuter - Sydney

United States investigators are considering blowing up an empty Boeing 747 to see if the wreckage would help them determine what caused the explosion that downed TWA Flight 800, the Washington Post reported. If investigators carry out the test, it would take place on the ground and the explosives most likely would be placed near the centre fuel tank of the aircraft, the newspaper said. AP—Washington

Laundreds of African and Asian immigrants occupied a Paris police office to demand residence permits for 350 of them. The protesters said they would leave the office as soon as they received official assurances that their demands would be negotiated. The protest happened not far from the Saint Bernard church where 300 Africans, 10 of them on a hunger strike, were holed up for two months to demand residence permits until police evicted them in August. Reader - Paris

The German government joined Turkey in attacking a Kurdish-language satellite television station which broadcasts from western Europe to the Middle East. A parliamentary written answer said British-based Med-TV was a "propaganda mouthpiece" of the banned Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), which wants autonomy in south-east Turkey. Med-TV denies all links with the PKK and its guerrillas although members of the party participate in televised debates. Reuter - Bonn

Acar bomb tore down part of a Hell's Angels compound close to a residential area west of Copenhagen. No one was injured, police said. Concern has been expressed in Denmark that recent attacks in the bikers' feud have been staged in populated areas. So far no one outside the rivalling bikers' groups has been injured. Hell's Angels, rivals Bandidos and supporting gangs have been waging low-level warfare for more than two years. AP – Copenhagen



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#### Bosnia elections: Unlikely coalition has fun at expense of the nationalists

This is the single-issue election to beat them all, a Bosnian campaign in which the only question is: are you one of us or one of

There are dozens of parties running, but only three count: the Muslim SDA, the Croat HDZ and the Serb SDS - or so the leaders of Bosnia's warring factions believe. A poster printed by the SDA, which led Bosnia's wartime government, says it all: "The Croats know what to do, the Serbs know what to do, what about YOU?

Contrary to the beliefs of those who wrote the Dayton peace plan, there are Bosnian citizens who choose not to vote along ethnic lines and they turn to the United List, a coalition of five opposition parties with a black humour that helped the

big cities survive siege. Their slogan is: "We managed to unite ourselves and we will unite Bosnia." That union is an achievement, given that the coalition includes two leftist parties, one from the centre, and two from the right, and involves Serbs, Muslims and Croats. Their symbol is an alarm clock, hands stuck at 11.59. "We wanted to show people that it is the last chance the United List because they are



Attention: Second World War veterans listen to speeches at a Serb Radical Party rally in Bijejlina

Muhamed Brkic, vice-president of the Social Democratic Party, a List member. He knows that his side cannot win, but supporters are enjoying themselves at the expense of the nationalist behemoths - although only on the territory of the Muslim-Croat Federation, since they are unable to venture into the Srpska Republic, the entity held by

every year for the better part of

66,000 in 1992, three years af-

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Kong is increasingly counter-

pare for emigration.

The number peaked at

separatist Serbs. A leaflet addressed to firsttime voters addresses burning questions: Can you vote if you are an adult with no sexual experience? If you don't vote you will be screwed anyway. Who should I vote for and why? For

to vote for a better future," said not as bad as the others ... and who should I vote against? Against those who won the last election. They promised to take us to Europe, but they did not say it would be in a wheelchair. At a cheerful rally held on

Sarajevo's main street, some 7,000 voters turned out to hear List candidates. "They bombed us and bombarded us with propaganda to persuade us that we cannot live together, but they did not succeed because you stayed here to defend Sarajevo and to convince us that three nations can still live together," said Dragan Vikic, a Serb who commanded a Bosnian military unit and is recognised as a hero.

certain failure. "They will not win because most people are going to vote for these guys," she said, pointing to a cable saggi under SDA posters. Mr Brkic is not even sure the group will win Sarajevo and Tuzla, whose mayor, Salim Beslagic, is a List candidate, because although the party will do well among the educated, urban types, it will not claim the suburbs or the countryside, where people will

vote along ethnic lines.
A middle-aged man in a Tuzla shop said he was voting for the United List and identified himself as Mayor Beslagic's brother. "I'm not voting for my brother, but for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina who have suffered so much," Alija Beslagic said. "During the war, the lo cal government kept Tuzla multi-ethnic and multi-confessional, and we want Bosnia to

Even in Tuzla there is some anxiety about being seen to support the List against the SDA. Three burly young men at a cafe in the square where a Serb shell landed in May 1995. killing 71, were hesitant to dis cuss the elections. But Izo, a Muslim, eventually said: "In telligence builds a country," and we knew we had found List A young Serb woman said she supporters.

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# Nato and EU set date for Eastern recruits

#### Tony Barber examines the redrawing of the map of Europe

Western leaders made clear this week that they aim to incorporate several new Central hoped Poland would join the and East European democracies into Nato in 1999 and the European Union in 2000. The enlargement of the two alliances will represent the most far-reaching transformation of the political and security map of Europe since the fall of Communism in 1989.

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The leading candidates for early membership of Nato and the EU are considered to be the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia, However, Nato and the EU intend to wait until next year before making public the names of the countries that will be invited to start

membership negotiations.
The disclosure that Nato aims to accept new members in 1999 was made in London this week by Robert Hunter, the US ambassador at Nato's Brussels headquarters.

Addressing the Royal Unit-ed Services Institute, he said Nato would hold a summit in late spring or early summer next year at which invitations would be issued to certain Central and East European countries. He anticipated that these countries would become full members of Nato on or before the 50th anniversary of the alliance's foundation. The anniversary falls on 4 April, 1999.

EU by 2000. Although Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany and other EU leaders have mentioned this date in the past, the fact that Mr Chirac did so in a speech to both houses of the Polish parliament invested it with a special significance.

Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, said in Prague in April that accession negotiations for prospective EU member-states could be completed by 2000 "if everyone worked as hard as the Czechs to become EU members". The EU aims to start accession talks about six months after the end of its current Inter-Governmental Conference, which seems likely to end in mid-1997.

For an entry date of 2000 to be realistic, the terms of admission for the new members will have to include special arrangements to soften the impact of full-blown competition on vulnerable industrial and agricultural sectors. This is likely to mean a lengthy transition before the Central and East European states are fully integrated into the single market.

Although the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland have made substantial economic progress since 1989, they are much less wealthy than Greece, Portugal and Spain when they



Thinking bigger: President Chirac addressing Polish MPs yesterday, when he said he hoped Poland would join the EU by 2000

joined the EU in the 1980s. However, Slovenia, which seceded from former Yugoslavia in 1991, is more prosperous and has the highest standard of living and per capita Gross Na-tional Product in Central

Europe. For some politicians in the former Soviet-dominated half of Europe, Nato membership is an even bigger prize than admission to the EU, since it would provide a cast-iron security guarantee in an alliance

expressed fears in recent years that Nato might not take them under its wing for fear of rupturing relations with Russia.

led by the United States. But governments in the region have and military commanders continue to oppose Nato's expan-sion in public. However, some now seem privately reconciled to a limited enlargement of the alliance provided that Nato

does not turn Central Europe into a "forward base" with Russia as the target.

Nato aims to solve its Russia problem by signing a charter with Moscow that would set out

and co-operative relationship. However, Nato officials stress that this would not offer Russia a security condominium over Central and East Europe, and that all countries which join Nato will have exactly the same security guarantees, including the US nuclear umbrella, as the present 16 members.

The Czechs, Hungarians, Poles and Slovenians are prominent candidates for Nato entry partly because they meet, or are close to meeting, essential conditions for membership set out

by Nato last year. These include internal democracy, civilian control of the armed forces and a lack of territorial and other disputes with neighbours.

Significantly, Hungary and Romania are to sign a treaty on Monday designed to bury their differences over issues such as the status of ethnic Hungarians

in Romania. The treaty should remove the last important obstacle to Hungary's membership, but few expect Romania to be among the

first new Nato entrants. The fact that some countries will join Nato and the EU earlier than others is causing considerable dismay and even alarm among those likely to be

This is especially true for the left out three Baltic states, which live in fear of a Russian move against their newly acquired independence. "It's not so easy to sleep next to elephants," said Latvia's Foreign Minister, Valdis

#### Atlantic allies will march to a new tune

Nato's expansion will coincide with a fundamental operational restructuring, writes Christopher Bellamy

As Robert Hunter, US ambassador to Nato, told the Royal United Services Institute in London on Wednesday, Nato enlargement will take place in parallel with reorganisation of

countries, possibly four more by early 1999, it will also "de-layered". There are 67 Nato military headquarters, command bunkers with large staffs, and sophisticated communications. Thirty will be abolished as Nato adjusts to the new world order and to new members.

The Nato Military Committee, comprising the military chiefs of 15 of its 16 memberstates, met this week at Estoril, near Lisbon, to discuss reorganisation, which centres on reducing the number of command levels. There are now four, from the highest, strategic command centres in Belgium and the US down to the commands of individual fleets, armies and air forces.

The Military Committee has recommended reducing the number of layers to three. Their proposals will go to a meeting of Nato defence ministers at Bergen, Norway, on 26 September. The Military committee chairman, General Klaus Naumann, said: "The decision will be taken by the political authorities, not by us. But the political authorities

are unlikely to challenge the leaner, meaner Nato organisation. The top level of command will remain unchanged, with two strategic headquarters: the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (Shape) near Mons, and Supreme Allied Command Atlantic (Saclant), based at Norfolk, Virginia.

It will acquire greater significance, as Nato military experts have recommended there should be permanent Russian missions at the two headquarters, thus assuaging Moscow's concerns about Nato expansion. The Russians are keen to have a special relationship with Nato known as "16 plus one" - at the highest level, which the new arrangements would guar-antee. Mr Hunter said the presence of a Russian brigade, effectively under Nato command, in the US sector in Bosnia was an indicator of

things to come. The second, regional, level would be restructured to reduce the number of commands from the present nine, Within Shape's area there are three commands - Northern Central and Southern Europe. Within Saciant's area there are three areas - eastern and western A1lantic and Iberia, and also commands for US strike fleets, all submarines in the Atlantic and the Standing Naval Force Atlantic. Although no firm decision has been made, the number of these "major subor-

Expanding Nato is expected to be easier than enlarging the Euthat, there are two more layers of Nato command before individual national units. These will also be restructured.

The restructuring will proceed in parallel with accession of new members. Mr Hunter said: "I suspect that the first new As it expands to cover more allies will join Nato on or before 1999." He stressed that there was no halfway house to Nato membership.

He said many of the conditions for entering into a commitment as serious as Nato membership were close to being fulfilled by the most likely candidates, which include Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia, and that there would be more than one intake of new members. The most time-consuming requirement will be the

#### French plea

Paris - The French Defence Minister, Charles Million, yesterday called for a European general chosen by the Western European Union defence grouping to be appointed deputy to Nato's American supreme allied commander in Europe, Reuter reports. His suggestion was one of a series of proposals by Paris to boost Europe's role in the USdominated alliance and enable France to return to full membership.

need for the parliaments of the countries wishing to join to ratify membership - it is not an autocratic decision by national governments.

All Nato members have to be producers, as well as consumers of security, so their armed forces have to meet Nato standards of effectiveness. Neither must Nato expansion lead to a new iron curtain east of the old

A number of bilateral and trilateral arrangements, including the arrangement between Britain, Poland and Ukraine announced last week, will help to bridge any gap that might otherwise emerge between Nato and non-Nato.

Increasing military co-operation between Nato and East European states under the Partnership for Peace initiative is further breaking down the barriers to the East Europeans joining. Nato's prime requirements are that new members must have sufficient staff officers trained in the two official Nato languages, English and French. They must have no territorial ambitions and must develop command, control and communications networks compatible with Nato's.

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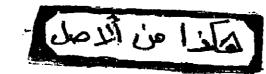


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#### **Bill Monroe**

Though he was known as "the father of bluegrass music", Bill Monroe, who died on Monday only days before his 85th birthday, did not invent the genre. But like the moment when Louis Armstrong let rip on "West End Blues" and "invented" the jazz solo, or when Charlie Christian plugged in his guitar and started playing like a horn, Monroe's 1936 Bluebird recordings marked a cusp, a qualitative change when so many strands, from the high lonesome sound of solo singers like Roscoe Holcomb, Clarence Ashley and Buell Kazee to the jazzy, officeat strum of Monroc's own mandolin chording, came together to create something entirely new, and yet entirely

rooted in its past. Like so much white popular music of the pre-rock years. bluegrass owed as much to black influences as to the Anglo-American tradition, and Monroe had fond memories of "woodshedding" with a black fellow Kentuckian, the guitarist Arnold Schultz. He didn't write a song about him, though, as he did for his uncle, the fiddler Pen Vandiver, immortalised in a lyric which celebrated family music-making, with each member's voice singing the high in the style which became as he was just 14, "What Would and low lines as appropriate,

much of a bluegrass hallmark as the guitar, mandolin and fiddle front-line melodies, the instrumentalists stepping forward to the mike to take their solos as required, but always interplaying with a synergy rem-iniscent of a New Orleans trumpel, clarinet and trombone

He was born in 1911 on a farm in western Kentucky near the town of Rosine (population 400). He and his five brothers and two sisters picked up on their musical traditions from the fiddle-playing and ballad-singing of their mother, though it was his brothers Birch and Charlie who first took up playing semi-professionally, having gone north to Chicago in search of work during the

All three began playing together and after touring with the seminal WLS Barn Dance roadshow, they began broadcasting from station WWAE, in Hammond Indians in 1930 Birch mond, Indiana, in 1930. Birch decided to concentrate on his non-musical work in the oil refineries, but after moving to the Carolinas Bill and Charlie landed a contract with RCA Victor's Bluebird label, recording songs that ranged from their debut sacred single, which Bill had learnt in church when he was

You Give in Exchange for Your Soul?", to "Roll in My Sweet Baby's Arms" and the black-originated "Nine Pound

In 1938 the two brothers

separated, Charlie to start up a trio which blossomed into the Kentucky Pardners band, Bill to begin the first of many Blue Grass Boys (the separation of the first two words in the name was important to him), initially with the guitarist Cleo Davis, the bassist Amos Garin, and the fiddler Art Wooten. In 1942 he added David "Stringbean" Akeman on banjo, though not a player in the florid, heavily accented style favoured by the famous Earl Scruggs, who joined him in 1945. It was this line-up, with Lester Flatt on guitar, Chubby Wise (fiddle), and Howard "Cedric Ramwater" Watts (bass), which defined the sound of what is seen now as "classic" bluegrass, and it sounded that way throughout

countless personnel changes. Over the years, Monroe attracted the cream of country musicians and singers, most notably his old rival Carter Stanley, when Flatt and Scruggs went on to fame as a duo in their own right, but also including the younger generation who had been inspired by his example, like the fiddler

Bill Keith, and the guitarist Peter Rowan.

Another young man to be inspired by him was a young truckdriver by the name of Elvis Presley, who made an upbeat version of Monroe's "Blue Moon of Kentucky into one of his first singles, which he sang at his début at WSM's Grand Ole Opry, where Monroe had been a mainstay since October

Monroe's music had a third incarnation as part of the postwar American folk revival, where those college kids unable, or unwilling, to identify with Bob Dylan's protesting growl found the foot-tapping insis-tence and high tenor harmonies of bluegrass more to their taste, though the left-led revival was something of a strange envi-ronment for this rather stiff Southern gentleman to find himself. The folklorist Ralph Rinzler - no mean mandolin player himself - took the band under his wing, wrote scholarly sleevenotes to their albums, and gave them the sort of respectability the revivalists wouldn't concede to a mere "pop" musician, which of

course is what he was. Surprisingly, when so many of the younger, bluegrass-inspired musicians made it their business

Richard Greene, the banjoist to be seen around Soho and Cambridge, Monroe didn't come over to Britain for a long time, but then appeared regularly at Wembley country music festivals, amid the spangles and rhinestones that had become as much a part of the trappings of country as long hair and cans were of folk. I met him on one of these occasions, and he was remarkably patient when asked questions he must have answered a thousand times before, though assuming, wrongly, that my tape recorder meant I represented some UK radio station, wishing my listeners good luck in conclusion,

professional to the last.
With a score of awards as long as your arm - starting with his well-deserved entry to the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1970 - he had changed the sound, not only of country mu-sic, but of popular music throughout the world (he had lots of fans in Japan). He never set out to be a pioneer. But that's often the way with true

William Smith Monroe, singer, songwriter, mandolin player: born Rosine, Kentucky 13 September 1911; twice married (one son); died Nashville, Tennessee 9 September 1996.



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#### Joanne Dru

In 1948-50 Joanne Dru starred in three of the finest Hollywood westerns and an Academy Award-winning drama. Though never a major star, her work in these films - Howard Hawks's Red River, John Ford's cavalry western She Wore a Yellow Ribbon and his elegiac Wagonmaster, plus Robert Rossen's powerful political drama All the King's Men - has ensured her a permanent place in film history. A beautiful brunette with high cheekbones and a provocative personality, she provided the sort of feistiness that both Hawks and Ford sought in their leading ladies. Her real name was Joanne

LaCock and she was born in West Virginia in 1923. She entered show business via a modelling career and was performing in a night-club chorus when she met the crooner Dick Haymes, who took her to Hollywood when he was signed for movies and helped her start an acting career. She made her screen début inauspiciously as Based on a 1922 play which had confounded critics by running for five years, its tale of Jewish star of Abie's Irish Rose (1946). and Irish families trading racial insults while feuding over the romance of their son and daughter was hopelessly old-fashioned and tasteless and the film received limited distribution. Two

vears later she was luckier when Hawks chose her to play opposite John Wayne and Montgomery Clift in his western classic Red River. In this sprawling saga which dramatised the first cattle drive from Texas to Kansas, John Wayne and Montgomery Clift (in his first film) played a ruthless rancher and his rebellious adopted son whose tempestuous relationship climaxes with a violent brawl in which they almost kill one another. Dru was the resolute pioneer who refuses to be separated from Clift whatever the hardships. After the climactic fight, Dru delivers an emotional tirade rebuking the two men and provoking a reconciliation, an ending despised by Clift "because Joanne Dru settles the matter and it makes the showdown between me and

John Wayne a farce Tellow Ribbon (1949) was another classic in which Wayne poignantly played an ageing cavalry officer unable to come to terms with a way of life. As a young officers (John Agar and Harry Carey Jnr). The same year she starred in Robert Rossen's Oscar-winning All the King's Men, based on the life of the former Louisiana governor Huey

Long (here called Willie Stark) and an uncompromising portrait of an initially idealistic politician who turns corrupt and fascistic. Dru was a respectable girl who is blackmailed into becoming Stark's mistress then abandoned, provoking Stark's assassination by her brother. The story was seen through the eyes of a reporter played by John ire-land, who became Dru's second husband. (The writer of Red River, Borden Chase, once recounted that he had been told to reduce Ireland's role in that film because he was "messing

with Hawks's girl".)

portedly stormy, and she continued to fight Haymes for alimony throughout his ensuring courtship of Rita Hayworth. John Ford's Wagonmaster (1950; the frector's favourite of his films) was shot in Monument Valley and beautifully depicted the joint servers group of Mormons being guided by a touch combon (Ren Johnson) to tough cowboy (Ben Johnson) to their "promised land" in the unexplored west. Dru was a spirited medicine-show performer who becomes part of the wagon train in the film, which was a financial failure but is now

Both her marriages were re-

regarded as a masterpiece. None of Dru's subsequent films approached the quality of these four, but Joseph H. Newman's 711 Ocean Drive (1950)

was an efficient film noir (allegedly shot under police guard) exposing gambling syndicates. Dru was the wife of a syndicate boss who falls in love with a former telephone engineer who has ruthlessly risen to be head of the gang. Rudolph Mate's Forbidden (1953) was a sleek thriller in which a hoodlum (Tony Curtis) journeys to Macao to find Dru, a racketeer's widow, and bring her back to the US with the incriminating

evidence she possesses.

Many of Dru's roles were,
though, becoming blander - she was a social worker whose fiance takes her for granted in Mr Belvedere Rings the Bell (1951), a schoolteacher who brings a father and son closer in My Pal Gus (1953), the sweetheart of an oilman prospecting in the Gulf of Mexico in one of Anthony Mann's lesser pieces, Thunder Bay (1953), a mirse taming a troublescous convict in Duffy of San Quentin (1954), and a faithful secretary to Liberace as a concert pianist stricken deaf in the disastrous Sincerely Yours (1956).

She continued to appear in westerns - Vengcance Valley ried 1941 Dick Haymes (one son,

teresting account of the reconstruction period after the Civil War, made by the star Jeff Chandler's own production company and superbly photographed by James Wong Howe, with Dru effective as a Union sympathiser whose father is lynched by a Southern mob. She was active in television throughout the Fifties, guesting on many anthology shows in-cluding Wagon Train and Lux

Video Theatre. In 1981 she returned to the screen after a 16-year absence to star in Super-Fuzz, a lowbudget action comedy, but she did not do it for the money. Since 1972 she had been married to C.V. Wood Jur, a Texas multi-millionaire, the owner of an oil company and the Silve investor in the original London Bridge which was profitably reconstructed at Lake Havasu in

#### Tom Vallance

Joanne Letitia LaCock (Joanne Dru), actress: born Logan, West Virginia 31 January 1923; mar-(1951), Return of the Texan two daughters; marriage dis-(1952), Outlaw Territory (1953) solved 1949), 1949 John Ireand The Siege at Red River land (two sons; marriage (1954), but these were routine dissolved 1956), 1963 George affairs. The best of her later Pierosc (died 1971), 1972 C.V. journeys west was Hall Wood Inr. died Beverly Hills. Bartlett's Drango (1957), an in- California 10 September 1996.



#### Ray Coleman

"Somewhere - he must be near a telephone." Ray Coleman's insistent demands could instil a sense of urgency into the most indolent and laid-back rock writer. As the editor of Melody Maker, the world's best weekly music paper, Coleman was determined to exact Fleet Street standards from his staff. Through his own strong will and professionalism, he helped create a dynamic newspaper that prospered throughout the heyday of the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, into the era of

Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin. His own brand of hard-hitting popular journalism helped revitalise what could have remained a cosy trade journal. Banner headlines proclaiming "Beatle Mania!" and candid interviews with John Lennon and Paul McCartney brought a bold new realism to pop reporting. Tenacious and competitive, Coleman demanded and got the best interviews, in which he probed the characters of pop stars previously treated as mere fanzine fodder. He also delighted in controversy and confrontation and was not averse to such abrasive headlines as 'Stones Flop In America" even if it meant angry calls from their manager, Andrew Oldham, or scowls from Mick Jagger. Typically Colemanesque headlines would proclaim: "Boiling Beatles Blast Copycats", "Beatles

Blast Knockers" or "Would You Let Your Sister Go With A

Rolling Stone?" Yet, behind the tough exterior of the "foot in the door" reporter who became the copy-chasing editor was an essentially shy and nervously energetic man, who loved traditional jazz, chess, the songs of Bob Dylan and the music of Miles Davis. He was fond of making snap judgements.

"Losers" or "boring" would be his response to heavy promotion for artists he couldn't stomach. But in the fast-moving pop world he liked to keep his finger on the pulse, using the phrase himself with conscious

The son of a Polish immigrant, Coleman was born in Leicester and started his career on the Leicester Evening Mail at the age of 15. He served as a copy boy and managed to sneak in reports about his own chess matches. A keen and determined player, he eventually became a runner-up in the Great Britain Junior Chess

Championships.
At the age of 20 he joined the Brighton Evening Argus where he spent a year "covering courts, councils, fires and murders". His ambition was to become a Fleet Street reporter, but for a while he went to the Manchester Evening News to specialise in industry. At the same time, he be-

came a "stringer" for Melody Maker. His brother was a semiprofessional jazz guitarist and the MM was considered essential family reading. He said later: 'As a practising journalist, I kept looking to Melody Maker, which I thought was much better than the typical fan magazine of the time, and I was vain enough to think I should write

After five years in Manches-

ter he was offered a job with the MM. "I laughed actually because all I had ever wanted was to get on the Daily Telegraph as a news reporter. I wanted to wear a dirty raincoat and get my foot in the door. I liked to think I didn't take 'No' for an answer." Coleman joined the Melody Maker at their Fleet Street office in 1960, and at first found it hard to adjust to a different style of showbiz journalism. He couldn't see what was "newsworthy" about a string of Cliff Richard tour dates and preferred to stir up a row with the BBC or research a heavily angled investigation into the music business. Feeling frus-trated, he planned to defect to the Daily Telegraph. Then he encountered a classic put-down from a Telegraph executive at his job interview. Asked where he worked he replied: "The Melody Maker." And before that? The Manchester Evening News." After a long pause, the

executive inquired icily: "Tell me, Mr Coleman, why did you leave journalism?" Coleman was now deter-

mined to stay and prove the MM was a "real" newspaper. The paper vigorously covered the Trad jazz boom when Chris Barber, Acker Bilk and Kenny Ball were headline news. Then, in 1963, the Beatles stormed to the top of the charts and the music scene changed overnight. Coleman became both their confidant and biggest fan. They enjoyed his enthusiastic support and his perceptive interviews gave them a chance to be witty and outspoken. MM's circulation rose on a tidal wave of Beatlemania. Coleman became friends not only with the Beatles, but with their manager, Brian Epstein, and was welcomed on their historic early

trips to America. Within three years, Coleman became assistant editor under Jack Hutton. Says Jack: "Ray was merciless when it came to getting interviews. He'd tell a prevaricating PR when he was trying to get hold of John Lennon: 'Don't give me all that. Somewhere he's within three yards of a telephone.' He three yards of a telephone. He was a master at tracking people down. If people weren't cooperative he'd ignore them and go his own way. We used to beat the NME every week with his exclusive interviews. And people



Coleman: snap kudge Photograph: Jerry Bauer

trusted him. He never misquoted people and never fanasised. He never used fancy phrases but managed to convey the artists' feelings in an hon-est and straightforward way and in some depth."

In 1965, Coleman was promoted to become Editor of Disc, another IPC magazine. He returned to edit Melody Maker in 1970, when Jack Hutton left to start a new rival weekly. Sounds. During the boom years of rock, the MM covered the rise of David Bowie, Marc Bolan, Led Zeppelin and Genesis, and the circulation rose to over 200,000 copies a week. As Editor-in-Chief, Coleman over-

saw the establishment of an American edition of the MM, created new titles, Black Music and Musicians Only, and continued to champion new acts like Bob Marley and Queen on the MM's "real newspaper" front page. In the late Seventies, critics claimed the MM had become out of step with changing times. Coleman responded by commissioning new writers like Caroline Coon and Allan Jones to tackle punk rock and the New As an avowed socialist and

a man of firm principles, Cole-man never much enjoyed kowtowing to management. After an uncomfortable spell in the role of publisher, he quit IPC in the early Eighties and handed over the editorial reins of the MM to Richard Williams and Mike Oldfield. He applied all his old energy to his chosen role as a freclance author and pro-duced a series of biographies noted for their accurate portrayals and meticulous research.

After making his début with book about the singer Gary Numan (1982), his first major project was a two-volume biography of John Lennon, first published in 1984. The first volume, John Winston Lennon. covered his career until he met Yoko Ono and the second, John Ono Lennon, covered the rest of his life. The first book was authorised by Cynthia

Yoko. "It was quite a coup." says the Beatles historian Mark Lewisohn. "Ray managed to bridge the gap between the two widows, who were usually at loggerheads. The book was very successful and it was the first exhaustive biography of Lennon. It was candid but it wasn't scurrilous and you could be sure that everything in Ray's book actually happened. He loved Lennon and he didn't hide that, so it was an affectionate biography."

Coleman next wrote Eric Clapton's authorised biography, Survivor, in 1985. His book on the life of the late Brian Epstein (1989) was written with the help of Brian's mother, Queenie, who was blind, and he read every single line of the manuscript to her before publication. Subsequent books included Stone Alone (1990) with Bill Wyman, another with Gerry Marsden of the Pacemakers (1993), and most recently books on the Carpenters (1994) and Frank Sinatra (1995). With Paul McCartney's assistance he wrote a book about one song. McCartney's classic "Yesterday". Says Lewisohn: "Everybody thought it was not only a daft idea but it would be a very slim volume. He quite cleverly turned out the book called Yesterday and Today comprising 80,000 words which really went

Lennon and the second by into the song and the times when it was written. At the time of his death,

Coleman was working on a biography of Phil Collins, due to be published next year. Apart from his writing, Coleman was closely involved with a fundraising committee in aid of music therapy and also served on committees at the Performing Rights Society which helped set up an annual John Lennon Music Award. Ray Coleman became ill last

summer and was found to have

a rare form of cancer of the kidney. He had the kidney removed and underwent intensive care and treatment. His wife, Pamela, says: "He refused to admit defeat and carried on working. He loved to sit in our 17th-century thatched cottage overlooking the sea near Land's End, writing and holding sevenhour phone conversations with Richard Carpenter and Paul McCartney. People would always ask him: 'Did you really know the Beatles?' We joked that would be on his memorial. He still loved to play chess with his friends - but as in everything, he always played to win.

Chris Welch

Ray Coleman, journalist and author: born Leicester 15 June 1937; married 1965 Pamela Rudd (two sons); died 10

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Birthdays Miss Carol Barnes, television newsreader, 52; Sir Rodger Bell, High Court judge, 57; Miss Jacqueline Bissett, actress, 52; Lt-Gen Sir Derek Boorman, former Chief of Defence Intelligence, 66; Sir John Coulson, former Secretary-General of Efta, 87; Sir George Engle QC, former first Parliamentary Counsel, 70; Baroness Fisher of Rednal, former MEP and local government councillor. 77; Lord Flowers, physicist and former Vice-Chancellor, London University, 72: Professor Sir John Gunn, natural philosopher, 80; Dr Gordon Johnson, President, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 53; Sir John Ray, High Court judge, 53: The Hon Colin Moynihan, former MP, 41; The Most

Rev George Noakes, former Archbishop of Wales, 72; Mr Colin Pickthall MP, 52; Sir Thomas Risk. former governor of the Bank of Scotland, 74; Mr Robert Sheldon MP, 73; Mr Robin Smith, cricketer, 33; Mr James Stuart-Smith QC, former Judge Advocate General, 77; Pro-Indge Advocate General, 77; Pro-fessor Sir Malcolm Sykes, anaes-thetist, 71; Mr Keith Thompson, former Vice-Chancellor, Stafford-shire University, 64; Mr Mel Tormé, singer, 71; Mr Shane Warne, cricketer, 27; Lord Weidenfeld, pub-

Anniversaries Births: William Cecil, first Baron Burghiey, statesmm, 1520; Oliver

Evans, inventor, 1755; Jean-Ignace Isidore Gérard, caricularist, 1803; Clara Josephine Schamann (Wieck), pianist, 1819; Dr Walter Reed, bacteriologist, 1851; Milton Snavely Hershey, chocolate company founder, 1857; John Joseph Pershing, expeditionary force commander during the First World War, 1860; Arthur Henderson, political and Nobel prizowinner, 1863; Arnold Schoenherg, composer, 1874; John Boynton Priestley, author, 1894; Claudette Colbert (Lily Claudette Chauchoin). actress, 1903; John Smith QC MP, politician, 1938. Deaths: Andrea Mantegna, painter, 1506; Sir John Cheke, classical scholar, 1557; Michel Eyquem de Montaigne, essayist, 1592; Philip II, King of Spain, 1598;

Ciro Ferri, painter, 1689; General James Wolfe, British soldier, killed in action 1759; Charles James Fox, statesman, 1806; Ludwig Feuerbach. philosopher and economist, 1872; Alexandre Herculano de Carvalho e Aranjo, poet, historian and politician, 1877: William Heath Robinson, artist and illustrator, 1944; Leopoki Antonin Stanislaw Boleslawowicz Stokowski, conductor, 1977; Dane Rudhyar (Daniel Chennevière), composer, occultist and astrologer, 1985: Joe Pasternak, film producer, 1991. On this day: the Battle of Marignano between the French and Swiss started, 1515; Montrose was defeated by the Covenanters at Philiphaugh. 1645; John Bunyan was released from Bedford jail after 12 years, 1672;

the Battle of Quebec was fought, when the British defeated the French, 1759; New York became the capital of the new United States of America, 1788, the British fleet began an unsuccessful bombardment of Fort McHenry near Baltimore, 1814; General Chiang Kai-shek was re-elected president of the Republic of China, 1943. Today is the Feast Day of St Amatus or Amé, abbot, St Amatus or Amé, bishop, St Eulogius of Alexandria, St John Chrysostom and St Mauritius.

Lectures

National Gallery: Susan Jones, "Durer (ii): Albrecht Dürer. The Public

#### Victoria and Albert Museum: Miranda Neave, "Medieval Stained Glass", 2.30pm. Tate Gallery: Sarah O'Brien Twohig.

"Hans Hartung: Abstract Art in Post-war Paris", 1pm.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 7.05pm.

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4731. Spanish and Portuguese Jews Congregation: 0171-289 2573. New London
Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1076 Synagogue (Masorti): 0171-328 1026.

#### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Prince Edward, Patron, Scottish Badminton Union, attends the Friends Provident Grand Slam Tournament at the Bell's Sports Centre, Perth. The Duke of Kent, Patron, visits the Stoke Mandeville Burns and Reconstructive Surgery Research Trust, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucking-

#### hamshire. Changing of the Guard

The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am; 1st Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales mounts the Oueen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11:30am, band provided by the Grenadier Guards

# Flexibility means giving workers support

Yould it be that the Conservatives are a touch unnerved by this ing to listen to the left's criticisms of the week's TUC? It seems that all the talk this week about low pay, job security and unemployment has left our government ministers feeling a little defensive. Yesterday William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary, went to great lengths to convince us that the flexible, deregulated labour market his government has done so much to promote is really much better for the poor, the jobless and the anxious than everyone thinks.

Times have changed. Before the recession, few Conservative ministers would have felt the need to defend themselves in this way. Freedom and flexibility were the great buzz words in the employment field, credited with creating hundreds of thousands of jobs in the Eighties boom. Why knock it, when the results for almost everyone seemed so good? If you lost your job then, you could get on yer bike and find

Half a decade later, British voters are clearly not as impressed with the Gov-ernment's employment record. The nation is at least ready to listen (even y not to be convinced) to the kinds of arguments aired at the TUC this week. It is true that the TUC's chosen figure for the minimum wage (£4.26 an hour) is far too high, and the employment rights they advocate are too restrictive and retrograde. But the political point

ing to listen to the left's criticisms of the Government's attitude to workplace stress. Job losses among the middle classes in particular, and the perception that available work is increasingly temporary, low paid and part time, are hav-ing an insidious effect on the economic confidence of swing voters.

Enter Mr Waldegrave, charged with talking down the feel-bad factor. According to our Chief Secretary, all is well among the workers. Job insecurity, he says, is no worse than it ever was. People in low-paid temporary work quickly move into higher-paid permanent jobs. And any alternative to the Government's existing strategy would be bad for employment and the economy. The Government's deregulated jobs market, he argues, makes everyone better off.

Up to a point, Mr Waldegrave is right. There is very little evidence that middle-class jobs are really more at risk. Moreover, in a world of rapid technological change, preserving old outdated jobs is not the answer, we have to keep creating new jobs to keep up with the competition. Many of the employment reforms instituted by the Conservative government over the past 20 years have indeed injected a vital (and previously lacking) element of flexibility into the jobs market. This has accelerated the rate of new job growth.



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So far so good. The trouble is that while employers have flexibility, many employees do not. Businesses can easily hire, fire and create new jobs. But that is no good if their redundant workers lack the flexibility to adapt to the new jobs or to cope easily with the transition. Take another look at the figures. Half the people in temporary work are in permanent jobs a year later. Only half? What about everyone else? With temporary jobs on the increase. that means an awful lot of people are stuck on the edge of the jobs market, moving from employer to employer, with spells of unemployment in

between. Even more worrying, the ones who do not get the permanent iobs afterwards are more likely to come from households where no one else works.

The Government is right that many people do move fast from one job to another, up the employment ladder. But a significant proportion of the population is not so fortunate. They are trapped instead – perhaps by the ben-efit system, perhaps by their lack of up-to-date qualifications – in the twilight world of low pay, short-term contracts and dole queues.

Were that the only problem, the

Conservatives would not be fussed. After all, few of the unemployed are potential Tory voters. However, the Government's employment strategy is not too hot for voters in the middle either. For most of us, the statistical chance of losing a job has not increased all that much. But the costs of becoming unemployed have increased considerably. No matter how skilled you are, and how excellent not from job protection or deregulation, but through creating genuinely you will have to take a substantial salary cut in your new job if you lose your old one. If you are unlucky, particularly if you are over 50, you may find the demand for your brand of skills and experience has dried up. Stay on the dole for six months and you might qualify for a training scheme. But in the meantime you will not get much help with your mortgage, or other benefits, unless you were able to take out insurance.

Policymakers have to realise that people need support to be flexible, and to cope with the rapid change around them. That may mean the chance to get new qualifications, or help finding work, or even a subsidy to get them back into employment at all. And - par-ticularly for those swing voters who feel their prosperity is just a bit too precarious - it means offering enough cushions that they will not live in debilitating fear of losing everything should

None of these measures are incompatible with the kinds of things Mr Waldegrave said yesterday. Indeed, his speech confirmed that we now have a broad political agreement over the need for a free market in labour, backed with individual protection and aid. The argument is over where we

# Could our fridges be revolting?

A paper at the British Association Ayesterday conjured a future in which intelligent fridges would link up with our microwaves, phones and other household gadgets and start ordering the food, storing then cooking it. One day, perhaps, fed up with the supermarket buying habits of their human owners - oh no, not that cheapo brand of margarine again - fed-up fridges would start locking us out in disgust. But how convincing are these technology horror stories? Look at all those dumb machines that fail to remember their datelines need to change on 1 Jannary 2000. Or do we just blame their human programmers?

> Deep-rooted modern Pagans

Sir: It is not so much modern Pagans who are confused as Frances H Killingley herself (letter,

7 September).

Modern Paganism may sometimes be referred to as "the country's oldest religion", but the phrase is used as a shorthand recognition of roots in pre-Christian beliefs of many varieties, rather than representing any claim to direct descent from some muthical "particular meed"

some mythical "particular creed". One of the strengths of organisations

like the Pagan Federation is tolerance of a wide spectrum belief. Celebration of Celtic festivals

alongside-Anglo-Saxon arises not

from ignorant confusion, but from

To assert that "neither the ancient

respect for alternative but linked

Britons nor the Anglo-Saxons left any record of their religious beliefs and practices" is wrong. Many early

Christians may have sought to

on the religious significance of

whilst more enlightened early

Snorri Sturluson in his Edda)

To pretend that modern

to fly in the face of reality.

railway rage

for posterity.

JAMIE LANG

Christians (such as the Icelander

eradicate all such references, but

thankfully did not entirely succeed.

Your own newspaper has reported

archaeological finds from these eras,

recorded pagan myths and practices

Paganism cannot legitimately call

upon cultural roots more ancient

E-mail: jamie@globulnet.co.uk

Tiny targets for

Sir: I am enraged by the letter from

Miguel V Arana (12 September)

Arana, who was no doubt born at

the age of 18, objects to having his

senses assaulted by children near

different carriage or stay at home behind locked doors and try to

him on a train, he should either get

concerning the use of public

transport by the public. If Mr

off his bottom and move to a

Sir: I get irritated sitting in the

same part of a train as people with

very loud Walkmans, people with

noise as they eat, people with anti-

smelly hamburgers who make a

snogging, intoxicated people, people who block the aisles with

their bags or bikes or dogs, people

who talk complete garbage in very

loud voices and people who try to read over my shoulder. I realise

that it would be impractical to put

them all in a carriage of their own

with smokers and children so I let

them get on with it. And mind my

social body odour, people

grow up. GILL SMITH

London WC2

own business.

LUCIE CULKIN

Stevenage, Hertfordshire

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pantheistic beliefs.

#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

# Sir: While welcoming the

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#### Child's rights, or parent's

thoughtful leading article on children's rights and corporal punishment (10 September), I am concerned that you repeat three widely held and dangerous misconceptions.

First, you suggest that the philosophy of the Children Act 1989 extended children's rights. develop that philosophy. 1996 than it was in 1986 after the Gillick case.

The second fallacy is that children are "half-formed their children are individuals at least from the moment they are human beings and are entitled to

human rights. Third, you find it relevant that most parents think they know the difference between a blow that hurts a child's pride and a blow that leaves a bruise". The case that is going to the European Court demonstrates the complacency of that attitude. The blows that the jury found reasonable did not stop at bruising, they were so severe that they resulted in hospital treatment.

argue that we are engaging in a gradual "civilising process", as if we need only wait for our society to see the light. The reality is that our society is not moving step by step towards greater recognition of children's rights. It is ambivalent and will not move unless nudged. That is why we must hope that the European Court of Human Rights stands up for children. JONATHAN MONTGOMERY Senior Lecturer in Law Soudiampton University

Sir. In the opening paragraph of your leading article you envisage a parent who finds his daughter near the main road she was forbidden to approach. The parent strikes the child, but this is no assault.

The authority of the parent over his child should be recognised. The greater experience of the parent gives him the right to demand that his children obey him, even if they don't understand why the

command is given. The parent, who dearly loves his daughter, must mix his relief at her safety with the righteous indignation that his informed command was ignored. It was his care for the girl which led him to give the instruction. A mild smack directs a child in the way he must go. Wanton abuse or heavyhanded "justice" from uncaring parents fall into a different

duty to smack

Mithough the Act emerged in the new philosophy of children's rights by the judiciary, it did little to Parliament expressly rejected two measures that would have enhanced children's rights. It refused to give any special weight to the wishes of children and it refused to provide better protection for them against assault by their parents. Further, the courts have now retreated from those elements of the Gillick decision that went beyond welfare rights to recognise children's rights to autonomy. English law is less committed to children's rights in

individuals". All parents know that born. They may be changing, but so are all adults. Children are already

Yet our law regarded this as acceptable.

Taken together, these misconceptions enable you to Highfield, Southampton

Sir: Chris Blackhurst (10, 11 September) reports on the socalled financial secrecy laws of British dependent territories' offshore centres, suggesting that they have more than \$1 trillion in dirty money stashed away in their

bank accounts". Those British territories which have offshore finance centres are among the most stringently regulated in the world. Far from encouraging fraudsters and money launderers, the legal and financial professions recognise that their banking confidentiality laws act as a gateway to criminal investigation, Indeance Incestigators



#### Upsize their tax bills

Sir: Reaction to the news that BA intends to "downsize" by 10,000 of its employees must be one of horror (report, 9 September). It is not long since the gurn who started the cult of downsizing admitted that he had got it wrong.

The Government ought to introduce an additional tax against future profits which can be used to fund retraining programmes, professional job search and counselling, income support, business start-up schemes and so on for those affected. Companies would then have to take a more balanced decision about large-scale redundancies. RSTRONG Orpington,

#### Launderers not welcome here

these centres on possible criminal activity than they do in the UK or

All finance centres in British territories operate a "know your client" philosophy. They run legitimate services for legitimate businesses and do not welcome tax evaders or criminal proceeds. International laundering of criminal monies is a problem. Outlawing well-regulated offshore centres is not the answer. Law enforcement agencies, governments and those in the financial services arena must work together to combat this crime. The British dependent territories are already doing this. SUKEY CAMERON Dependent Territories Association London SWI

#### Boiling a kettle in the sun

Sir, Greg Leonard's letter (6 September) would save electricity but soon put scales on the uncovered section of his kettle's electric element. The correct solution is to fill the kettle so as to cover the element, use the amount required for tea, and put the rest into a vacuum flask for washing up the tea things.

Another answer is a simple solar cooker. Shaped like a satellite dish. and turned towards the sun at halfhour intervals, this boils three pints of cold water in a blackened kettle in an hour or two at no expense or addition to global warming. JOHN WRIGHT West Wittering, West Sussex

#### Secret power of the Eurocrats

Sir: John Lichfield ("Time for real Euro democracy", 7 September) failed to mention the biggest bone of contention between the European Parliament, which is striving for increased openness, and the secretive Council of

Ministers: "commitology".
This is a Euro-word coined to describe a system where hundreds of largely secret committees have an input into all aspects of EU legislation. A topical example is the veterinary committee, recently in the headlines in relation to the embargo on British beef.

The European Parliament, via its Budget Committee, has been leading the fight for increased openness, its bargaining tool being that it controls the £16m it costs to run these committees annually. Parliament's requests are simple: that members of these committees should make a declaration of interests and that meetings should normally be held in public. But, aithough half the £16m budget hangs in the balance, member states' governments still refuse to concede.

The Council is a closed shop, and until the powers that be in Westminster realise that they alone have real power to enforce change Europe will never be fully accountable. TERRY WYNN MEP (Merseyside East and Wigon, Lab) European Parliament Socialist

Group Spokesperson on Budgetary

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#### American way to | Don't leave the curb big business

Sir: Hamish McRae's two proposals for the Labour Party ~ trust-busting and support policies for small businesses ("Small business is Labour's business", 6 September) – are

most timely.

For practical guidance on both we have aiready suggested to the Labour Party and to the Government that they look across the Atlantic. The United States started trust-busting in the 1890s and has not stopped, reflecting its culture of support for checking corruption in giant undertakings. The US competition laws are models for

Eprope. In Washington the Small Business Administration, a government department, has existed since the Second World War to ensure that there is competition in the market place by making certain that there is no undue concentration of business

What constitutes a "small business", and as such qualifies for assistance/support, is dependent on the market sector, not just on a definition such as any manufacturing business with fewer than 500 employees. In the aircraft industry, for example, a qualifying small firm can have up to 1,500 employees. W G POETON The Union of Independent

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London SWI

engine running Sir: Fumes from all stationary vehicles with running engines are noxious, those from petrol engines with catalytic converters in less than perfect condition or not fully warmed up being particularly bad. Round here, drivers who do not switch their engines off while waiting frequently compound their antisocial behaviour by committing the actual offence of getting out of

their vehicles while the engine is on. I can assure W A White (letter, 10 September) that warm or cold, and even in the dampest of ambient conditions, a diesel always starts as instantly as switching on a light. CONRAD CORK

Sir: W A White complains about pollution caused by drivers leaving diesel engines running while making deliveries. As a regular user of level-crossings, I am constantly surprised by the number of drivers who leave their engines running while waiting (often for some time) for trains to cross.

Is there any reason why every level-crossing sign should not include the words "Please switch off engine while waiting"? GRAHAM BURTON E**eham**, Surrey

#### Political spice Sir: Norma Major a saucy Worcester Woman? ("Cookie

collapse!

Dr CERI BROWN

war", 11 September.) Quick! Hand me a large Cherie brandy before I

Sir: Whilst no supermodel, with measurements of 36-25-35, I am mortified to learn that apparently I have an "odd body shape" ("Jeans get a custom-made code", 12 September), because I cannot find a pair of jeans with a perfect fit. Even so, is Eric Musgrove of FW

Mr Musgrove no doubt has! LINDA STREET

Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire

Magazine suggesting that women with less than perfect bodies are not entitled to wear jeans? Oh, for the perfect body, such as her fade

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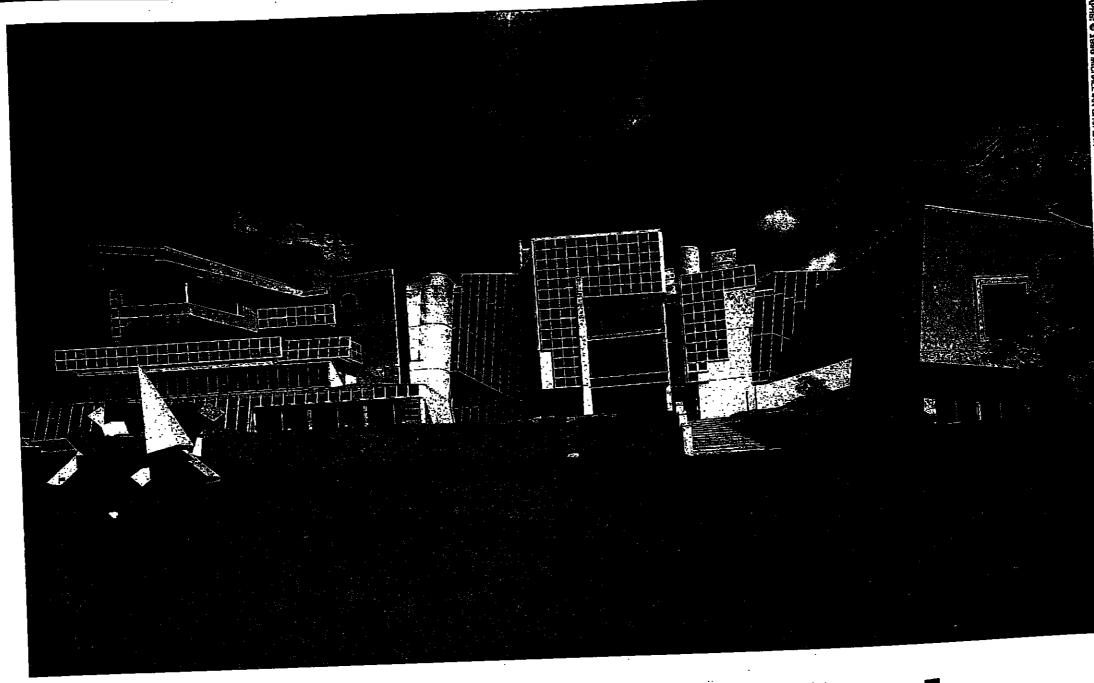
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This is the Villa Simonyi, one of the new generation of monuments to themselves built by America's hi-tech millionaires. Tim Cornwell dons his black silk booties for a look at the monochrome mansion



#### A techno-baronial home from home three-dimensional chess. Comthe houses run the risk of

his was not my idea, murmurs architect Wendell Lovett, as we don black silk booties with suede leather soles and inscribed, in white lacy writing, Villa Simonyi". Our shoes go into black silk baggies, similarly marked. For the next two hours we leave a trail of smudges across the pristine grey carpets of Charles Simonyi's steel and glass chateau, meticulously hoovered so the knapp makes a pattern of grey triangles. recording our messy footprints

like rabbits in the snow. Mr Lovett has been practising architecture since 1948 around Seattle, Washington, and is one of its leading modern architects. The Villa Simonyi, eight years and \$10m in the making, stands as his biggest assignment. Yet for all his evident pride in the building and his client, Microsoft programming wizard Charles Simonyi, he seems a little astonished by them both. THE DIRECT LINE TRACKER PER

William Randolph Hearst emptied whole castles and monasteries to furnish his 38bedroom Californian hilltop palace at San Simeon, with its Gothic dining room, Roman statuary, and vaguely Spanish renaissance architecture. Xanadu, as it was called in the film Cuizen Kane, spoke volumes about the man born to a \$400m silver fortune who wanted to own people and things, even the presidency.

"It was almost as if Hearst iously realised that his newspapers were trashy, his political life a failure, even his motion pictures not entirely successful," wrote his biographer WA Swanberg, "and he was determined in San Simeon, if nothing else, he would leave an enduring monument to his greamess.'

Nearly 50 years after Hearst's death, the stately homes of America's newest aristocracy are rising in the suburbs of Silicon Valley and the outskirts of Seattle, Washington, a city famous for its cap- Simonyi's lakeside home in

puccino, grunge rock and rain, and a certain classless, rugged

who've made fortunes in the high technology trade are building their own monuments, and filling them with techie toys. The most famous, Microsoft founder Bill Gates, is building a 45,000 sq ft, partly subter-ranean complex on the shores of Lake Washington (a standard family home is about 3,000 sq ft, and Hearst's was 49,000 sq ft), of concrete crossed with beams of fir logs recycled from

At San Simeon, close to the Pacific between Los Angeles and San Francisco, arriving guests were assigned a personal valet or maid for the length of their stay. At the Gates House, they are given electronic badges which light their way along a reception hall lined with 40-inch video monitors, and computer systems memorise and store their tastes in lighting and music. Mr

Medina, near Seattle, is less than a mile away. Others seized, as The New

York Times observed, with "la The fortysomething nerds manie de batir" - the fever to build - include Microsoft cofounder Paul Allen, Oracle Corporation founder Lawrence Ellison, and Apple co-founder Mike Markkula. The length of one's drive was a traditional measure of class for American gentry, but the

size of a house is a critical status symbol. In 1920s Los Angeles the Doheny oil dynasty built he 48,000 sq fi Greystone Mansion, now owned by the city of Beverly Hills. Reaganera cuts in top tax brackets from 70 to 28 per cent have left the rich richer than at any time since the Second World War. Beverly Hills 90210 mega-producer Aaron Spelling is now building the biggest single family home in California, 65,000 sq ft with 130 rooms. In the so-called techno-baro-

nial homes, there is no single style. Working with one software company chent who did not wish to be identified, Los Angeles architect Brion Jeanette is putting the finishing touches to a home design with a curving concrete and metal roof whose lines are inspired by a Mercedes 300 SL Goldwing. The car is one of 25 in the collection of his client. The house is planned to include a bowling alley, a 1950s-style diner, a mini-theatre, and an artificial beach grotto of 8,000 sq ft. At night, furniture on a rotating platform 20 ft in diameter will turn away from the real beach which the house faces -

towards the grotto, spotlighted and safe.

Mr Jeanette and other architects say that clients from the computer industry typically have an acute understanding of three-dimensional space. Usually they want to know "what can we do that's really unique, how does mine become more special than something else?"

They naturally lean to the

becoming introverted and cold. Mr Gates began his house as a bachelor, but his new wife Melinda, expecting their first child, has reportedly hired a New York designer to lighten the place up.
"James Bond Modern" was how a sceptical architect friend in Seattle described the Villa

Simonyi, after her own tour. "It has a bed that rotates, and a latest toys, like touth-screen or place by the piol for rock bands voice activated systems to dim the lights at the dinner hour, or lects the work of a Hungarian



conjure televisions out of mar- abstract painter. There's a ble sideboards. "We can locate whole phone and entertainbuttons in rooms that will let ment console in the toilet. You you talk to any light anywhere in the house," boasted an engineer with Lutron Electronics, one of the main suppliers for the Gates Home and other hitech houses. Typically wired for high-speed Internet links.

could spend your day there."

Mr Simonyi, unlike many wealthy men, is generous with his time and his home. It is hardly fair to report, therefore, that there was not just one telephone and mini television

two of each, apparently for watching stock quotes. And in the magazine rack, one old copy of Satellite Times. The house was directly inspired by the broken grids and warped cubes of European modern artist Victor Vasarely.

"From the start I wanted to do a modern house, almost in the Bauhaus style," said Mr Simonyi. "Something that is ageless, rather than carrying the stamp of a particular decade." Described as an amiable bachelor, born, like Mr Vasarely, in Hungary, Mr Simonyi is a graduate of the pre fornian universities of Stanford and Berkeley. He joined Microsoft 15 years ago from Xerox and speaks five languages. The books on his shelves run from the Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy to a collection of English-Danish dictionaries. By Hearst's standards - and even those of his Microsoft peers - the Villa Simonyi is modest, about 200 ft long, four storeys tall, and kept narrow by waterside building

Mr Simonyi bought and levelled three lakeside homes in its construction; a fourth has been removed to make way for a boat house. Large and meticulously orderly, silenced by triple-glazed windows, it feels more like a modern art gallery than a home. Internally, it offers a series of nesting Lshapes and grids. Open-plan views from each room through several floors or rooms can make one feel like a pawn in a computer-generated game of

pleted last year, it includes an art gallery and a narrow swimming pool, exercise and sauna rooms, but only one master bedroom, and two children's rooms, for children that do not yet exist. In its vast, deserted kitchen, there are just three gun-metal saucepans in view, neatly aligned, one to a

It has grey and white walls, shiny grey ceramic floors, creamy grey carpets, and walls almost bare but for the Vasarelys and Lichtensteins which Mr Simonyi collects. There are steel stairways, plate glass partitions, teak edging on the floors, and dining tables of black metal and glass. The only splashes of colour are the Lichtensteins, and red and blue leather sofas.

The house - down to Mr Simonyi's duvet, with its black and white grid bedspread closely echoes what he calls the digital premonitions" of Vasarely. The bed does indeed rotate through 180 degrees, with views of either the glitter of light on Lake Washington, or down to the gently swirling water of his pool. From a bed side console all the electrical functions of the house can be controlled. As he worked on the Villa Simonyi, Mr Lovett made a trip to Scotland, fulfilling a lifetime's ambition to view its castles - mostly publicly owned, he said.

"In Scotland, people can no longer afford to maintain those he said. "That's things," because they don't work for

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# Heading for humane slaughter at the polls



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't's official. We can stop worrying about the Tory Lgovernment. New evidence suggests that it will die out naturally within the next 12 months. That means that they will not need culling, and no cure needs to be found for mad government disease. "Oh, yes, no doubt, " says

Professor Kenneth Tripeholme, head of the Melvyn Bragg Centre for Working Up Interesting Scientific Topics, Suitable for Start the Week. We've been into this in some depth over a period of time, and all the evidence

points conclusively to the fact that the present government will collapse of its own volition within 12 months. Whatever the disease is that is affecting the brains of the Cabinet will have either driven them all irretrievably mad or forced them out of politics by the end

of 1997."

Could he very briefly sum up the factors involved? No, I couldn't," smiles Professor Kenneth Tripeholme. "That's the sort of question that Melvyn Bragg asks on Start the Week. I refuse to take questions like that from anyone cise."

Well, could he rehearse the factors involved at great length and let us have a resumé some time later? Or. even better, could be let us have a soundbite that we could splash at the top of this column? "Sure," smiles Professor

Tripeholme. 'Ask me a question and see how we get on." Well, what possible theory might there be for the Government going mad by the

"One theory we've looked at is that 1997 is also the year of the handing back of Hong Kong to the Chinese, and it may be that the Chinese, who

have always been experts in the occult, have put a spell on British politicians until such time as Hong Kong is safely back in the Chinese fold." Is that a serious theory?

Can I really prepare a "Chinese put spell on British cabinet" headline?

"Of course not," says Kenneth Tripcholme. "I just said it was one of the theories we we looked at. The trouble is that the public and the media have no idea how science works. What we do is take a hypothesis and test it until it either works or it is shown to be crackpot. That means that at any given time we know we are examining crackpot

theories." Then why examine them? "Becausé what is crackpot one day may turn out to be sane the next. If you had suggested to an 18th-century scientist that time was relative, he would have called it crackpot. but Einstein made the idea commonplace. In the case of the Tory government, it is exactly the opposite."

Meaning what?

That people who seemed at first same turned out to be crackpot." How did scientists first

notice that the British government was, in fact, going

"Well, it came about because scientists started getting stranger and stranger requests from the Government. We were asked to evaluate stranger and stranger topics, to give judgement on stranger things, and even. in the case of BSE, asked to sit in seminar all weekend and come up with a solution to the Government's quandary overnight just like that.

Now, this is not uncommon with governments, none of which ever seem to have any idea how science works, but eventually it dawned on us all that the way the Government was acting was not just uninformed, it was deranged. For example. Michael Howard goes around shouting "Prison works!", when quite clearly it doesn't. They do irrational things like suddenly change the danger level of alcohol, or suddenly admit that there was after all a connection between crime and unemployment.

Quite irrational. Therefore we realised that the difficulty of our work was caused not by its innate intractability but by the

ple supplying us with the genda, ie, the Government." Is there any evidence for this derangement? Apart from the mad staring eyes of

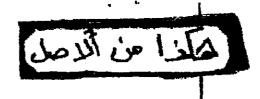
Howard, Portillo, etc? Well, the way they have demonised Tony Blair shows a troubled mind at work, and don't mean Tony Blair's mind. Putting on Mawhinney and Heseltine as a comic double act suggests advanced derangement. Believing that there really is an Irish peace process suggests hallucination on a large scale. Believing that you can get the EU on your side by massive nonco-operation is the act of a

Oh, yes, I think we can safely assume that the disease is very advanced now. No wonder the more sane Tory MPs are actually leaving politics

aiready... At this point the phone rings. Professor Tripeholme

answers it. "Two more geneticists for next week's programme? I'll see what I can do, Mr Bragg.

Thank you. He puts the phone down He groans. I tiptoe away and leave him to it.



# Why we will soon be better off than the Germans

o they can sell us their porn but we can't sell them our beef. We cannot work longer than a 48-hour week, and we cannot smack our children. And now we may have to pay £150m of compensation to Spanish fish-ermen barred from British waters. It has not been a great week for Britons concerned about loss of sovereignty to

This little clutch of reverses did, however, have one immediate effect. It enabled the Daily Mail, a paper with a sin-uous skill at identifying issues likely to strike a chord with its readers, to call for the Prime Minister to assert British sov-ereignty now, even at the risk of expulsion from the European Union.

Suddenly a debate that has been rumbling away for most of the past year - whether Britain would be better off, in economic terms, outside the EU - has taken on a new and harder edge. Why is this happening now?

You can argue, of course, that we are at one of those pivotal moments of history: that if we do not make a stand now, our identity will be submerged for ever. That's the most popular argument, but it

stage if that is what people want to do; it is perfectly possible, indeed quite likely, that the EU will itself break up in the next 25 years. At the very least, the present close Franco-German relationship is going to change. So the "it's now or never" approach is to take a very myopic view of the long sweep of European history.

No, the change is surely less because Europe has become overweening (though there is something in that) and more because Britain's self-confidence has grown. Having signifi-cantly lower unemployment than any of the large EU nations is one cause; staging an earlier and more secure recovery from recession is another; and both have been achieved withbut a surge in inflation or a serious balance of payments deficit. Sure, there are economic problems in the UK, but suddenly, in comparison with those of continental Europe, these appear quite manageable. It is surprising what three years of decent economic growth can do to turn a mood.

True, none of this seems to have benefited the Government. But that, too, is surely unsurprising, for the economic recovery has had as much to do with the Government's failures (such as the expulsion of the pound from the Exchange Rate Mechanism) as its successes. It may even be that the support for Labour comes from a sense of economic selfconfidence, a sense that the economy is now strong enough to stand a change of government, something it was not strong enough to

But here lies the trap. If this self-confidence is merely the result of the cyclical position of the UK economy, then is it liable to evapo-



Hamish McRae

Our economy is on the up, whether or not we stay in Europe, whether or not the EU

exists ...

rate as rapidly as it did at the end of the Lawson boom. Having faster growth than the continent for three years is not nearly as important as the possibility of having faster growth ou're very lucky that I've got time to

write this at all

because I'm a very

because I in a very busy woman you know. Places to go, people to see, cheese to freeze. You know how it is combining career, children and cable-knit jumpers all in one day. Cherie Booth certainly does a series of the combined of the combined of the combined of the care of the combined of the care of the c

tainly does and shares her

thoughts as guest editor of Prima. Clearly she has taken the

advice proffered in the magazine. October, apparently, is the month to "Look more confident", "Improve your kid's handwriting", or "play conkers" with them. Cherie may be a top QC but could she have thought

Possibly her mission to appear ordinary enough for

people to vote for her husband was influenced by *Prima*'s excel-lent advice. If there is not

ent advice. If there is not enough joy in your life it recommends "Making a list", and "Acting happy". "Smiling triggers happy feelings in the brain". Cherie tries out her new tightlipped look as she sits barefoot on what looks like a fridge. She goes to tea at the Ritz with Prima readers, who ask her dif-

Prima readers, who ask her difficult questions like "How old are your children?" She is happy to be associated with a magazine

that offers this imaginative time-saving tip: "Set the alarm clock 15 minutes earlier than normal

and get out of bed at once. Time

Still, it's all in a good cause

isn't it? The cause of getting the C2 female vote. If the Tories are

going to wheel out Norma of the Used Tea Bags then Cherie

will have to be made into Our

Lady of the Nutritious Meal in

Thirty Minutes.

Despite that punitive phrase, "career woman", the fact is that many women with children

work. What is so threatening

about Cherie that requires not just softening but airbrushing

out of existence? When women

are extraordinarily successful,

why do we want to make them

more ordinary? Surely, for men, the reverse is true. Deeply

average men are prepared to

mythologise themselves in

order to appear extraordinary.

Does this rampant domesti-

cation of high-flying women actually do what it is designed

to do in the first place? Only if we believe it. I believe that

Cherie is intending to spend 20

hours knitting herself a com-

plicated-looking sweater as

much as I believe that Hillary

Clinton lives for baking. In

fact, while desperately trying to make these women appear less

threatening, it turns them into

cartoon superwomen who man-

saved: 15 minutes.

of this all by herself?

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To suggest that Britain will, a generation from now, probably have a higher standard of living than France or Germany would seem to most people to be wishful thinking. Yet there is a powerful argument to be made that not only will this happen, but it will happen irrespective of whether Britain is in or out of the EU or whether the EU exists at all.

The argument comes in three parts. First, Britain is ageing more slowly than other countries. The proportion of workers relative to the young and the old will rise, but it will rise more slowly than elsewhere. So in relative terms it will be easier for us to increase living standards than it will for anyone else - in fact, in the year 2030 Britain will have a slightly higher proportion of people of working age to retired than even the United States, and significantly higher than Japan, France or Germany. Second, the British econ-

omy, more perhaps by acciis surely rather ridiculous. Not only can Britain withdraw from the EU at some later stage if that is what people work to be strong in sectors that will be difficult for new East Asian competitors to attack Our manufacturing sector is quite small. But since know-how in manufacturing crosses national boundaries with astonishing speed,

so it is possible for newly industrialised countries to build up manufacturing very quickly.
A small but nimble manufacturing sector is an advantage, not the reverse. We are, on the other hand, very strong in things such as trade in intellectual capital. For example, in 1994, the most recent year for which com-parable figures are available, Britain had a surplus of \$1.3bn on royalties and licence fees, whereas Germany (despite its reputa-tion for high-quality education) had a deficit

Third, we seem to have become good at creating new businesses. All over the world. large, established enterprises are shedding labour. So creating jobs will depend on creating new businesses and encouraging the growth of small ones. The success of large firms will matter enormously for the success of economies in general. But do not expect them to be net job creators. So employment growth is likely to be stronger in the UK than in most of continental Europe.

All this will change the political dynamics of Britain's relationship with Europe. It will not necessarily mean, as some Euro-haters might like to think, that Britain will feel confident enough to walk out of the EU though that is one possibility. It may simply mean that Britain will tend to have more influence within the EU than it seems to have at the moment. Most important of all, though, it will mean that if the EU no longer happens to exist, economic life in the UK will be quite comfortable, thank you.

# A Prima donna who ought to know better

by Suzanne Moore



#### Cherie Blair's mission as guest editor of 'Prima' was to appear ordinary enough for people to vote for her husband

age to do everything they turn their hands to, brilliantly.

This really is irritating because these images set yet more unrealistic standards for the rest of us. It is not enough to rush around doing it all: we now have to make it look effortless. There is no room for tiredness here, the days when you are too exhausted to make it to the microwave, never mind making a Hallowe'en soup. Cherie relaxes in the gym, for god's sake! Making labour look invisible is of course a feminine

speciality. Prima even advises us on how to maintain the mystery in our relationships with men. The mystery is that we still have the energy between sewing samplers and covering our homes with roses, but if we do then we are not to do certain things in front of them. We must not shave our legs in case the poor darlings finally realise that women are not born hairless. We must not eat corn on the cob - slobbering and dribbling puts them off. We must

not talk to our girlfriends (it's

too intimate) or admit to hangovers. I suspect breathing is probably better done in private too, but if you must insist on doing it in front of your boyfriend make sure you use home-made breath freshener.

The depressing thing is that an admirable woman like Cherie has chosen to preside over this load of cack. Powerful women must still disturb us so much that they have to shore up their femininity in the most traditional of ways. If power, in the public imagination, desexes women then it must be countered with the ultimate femmine masquerade.

Yet this is a game that works to all women's disadvantage as we then all become subject to such terrible scrutiny. No wonder that our role models are more likely to be Patsy from Ab Fab than yet another housewife-superstar. It doesn't matter who you are: these days you had better know a trick or two with lip-liner. Camilla Parker Bowles may have a few things on her mind, but guess what, Camilla – the important thing is to brush the dog hairs off your skirt and get on some

siap.
All this in the name of softening one's image, yet what we need are women who are not "hard", just truthful, for there is also a fundamental dishon-esty in all this. Even Do-It-Alls like Cherie don't do it all by themselves. I remember once asking Edwina Currie if she ever felt guilty that she employed people to look after her children. "Goodness me." she exclaimed. "I didn't get all that education just to stay at home." In order for many of us to work, a new and largely female servant class has been created. They are the nannies. au pairs and child-minders without whom it would be difficult for many of us to manage. If we admit we need help on this score, that it is impossible to do it all, why keep up the pretence in all other areas? Guilt surfaces in the form of spurts of domestic over-compensation and the spurious notion of quality time. Men by and large seem to have escaped the urge to rush home and make jam to prove what well-rounded indi-

viduals they are.

Nor do they receive advice in men's magazines telling them not to burp, shave or slobber in public. Quite the contrary. Are we still so unused to powerful women that we must insult the intelligence of an entire gender by this ridiculous charade? Still, as long as women collude in this behaviour, wrapping themselves up in the high maintenance ideology of unquestionable femininity, rather than slobbing out just like the boys, then magazines like Prima, "For women who ought to know better", will sell. Prima has done well out of this little deal, and the Labour leadership have shown us just how low they are prepared to go with Cherie "I couldn't believe my luck" Booth. Her new softie age puts even more pressure on the women who try to emulate it. Being soft is too much like hard work.

TED WRAGG FINDS A BOOK SHORT ON FACT AND LONG ON PREJUDICE



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ake a few prejudices. Lace them liberally with anecdotes. Add some quotes from like-minded mates. Shake them vigorously. Filter out as many facts as possible. Pour into stiff covers and serve chilled. Have you done all that? Then congratulations. You have just written Melanie Phillips's book.

The pity of it is that the author takes important topics, like education and famity life, and then gives a distorted analysis of what she chronicles as the immense inadequacy of teachers and parents. Any suggestions of success, like improved exam results, are soon recast as further evidence of failure. Teachers are accused of moral relativism, propagating "the doctrine that no value or activity can be held to be any better or worse than any other".

I have met thousands of teachers in my professional life, but not a single one who holds that view. Where are these monsters who believe that murder and pillage are no better or worse than kindness and benevolence? Ms Phillips should identify them so they can be locked away. If anything, teachers are usually regarded as moral prigs by their pupils, endlessly exhorting them to behave themselves, be considerare to others, pick up litter.

The chapter headings reveal the predominant tone of the book. "The de-education of Britain", "The destruction of morality", "The disordered child". The nation, it is claimed, has gone to the dogs. Yet a third of the population now enters

higher education. Even if degree standards have slipped, as we have moved from an clite to a mass system, the fact remains that who would have left school with no qualifications at all when fewer than 10 per cent went to university, now obtain a degree.

The selective and anecdotal nature of what passes for "evidence" is revealed in the many referenced footnotes. Of the first 18 references in one chapter, 10 are cited as "Conversation with the author", "Private correspondence with the author" or "Author's sources". A further four are from the right-wing pamphleteers Caroline Cox

and John Marks. Throughout the book, quotes from what are called "political insiders" figure promi-



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The author takes important topics and gives them a distorted analysis

nently and are used uncritically. No prizes for guessing to which political party these powerful shadows belong.

Ms Phillips tries to disarm criticisms of political bias, denying that she has "jour-neyed from the political left to the right". Not only the principles of her critique, however, but also the perceived villains are indistinguishable from the right-wing polemical tracts that she quotes with such uncritical approval.

Thus the influence of John Dewey, the American philosopher, was "malign, revolutionary and destructive", exactly as argued by the right-wing philosopher Anthony O'Hear, and by John Major's political adviser. Yet in Experience and Education Dewey insisted that teachers may have to intervene more if children are to learn from their experience. Phillips dis-

cusses such assertions as the belated apologies of someone whose ideas did not work. Academics in university education departments are among Phillips' chief villains. I found myself labelled as a trendy who ridicules the use of phonics in the teaching of reading, calling it "phobics".
What a pity she could not bring herself to say that I am actually the author of Flying Boot, a reading scheme (Oops! we're supposed to be against schemes) which makes considerable use of phonics, or that the article she quotes was actually satirising hysterical and ill-informed journalism, not the use of phonics. Professor Tony Edwards of Newcastle University is lambasted for saying that curticulum reforms offered "ample scope for subversion". He was actu-ally quoting a DES official. But why spoil a decent prejudice with a few facts?

Anthoritarianism, of which she wants more, is viewed uncritically. Theodor Adorno's 1950 analysis The Authoritarian Personality, is simply put aside. It may be an imperfect analysis, but at least it tried to illuminate how civilised nations, like Germany and Italy, had unquestioningly obeyed a single dictator.

The most laughable sections of the book are those that blame educationalists for the cock-ups in testing and the national curriculum. It was actually people working in education who pointed out in advance the disasters about to happen. Julian Haviland, in his book Take Care, Mr Bakerl, analysed nearly 12,000 replies to the 1987 national curriculum consultation document. Even though many respondents wanted a national curriculum, every single

one rejected the version being put forward. Melanie Phillips should do better than this. She is a good writer, but she prescribes rigour for others, then eschews it herself. As one critic put it, after reading The Observer's two-page summary of her book, This is crap by anybody's standards."(1) Prejudices, anecdotes, distortions, followed by a lame "solution", are no substitute for proper analysis.

(1) Fat bloke in pub, September 1996.

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#### Jarvis vs the common people

best thing to have happened to popular music since I was 17, which is at least 21 years ago. Different Class was not only the best album of last year, it is one of the best ever. Anyone who thinks otherwise either hasn't listened to it, or utterly lacks taste. And anyone who thinks assertions like that are idiotically adolescent -- well, that's their problem.

At least it's not the Mercury Music Prize judges' prob-Few events this summer have been more heartening than their decision to pass right by Oasis and place Jarvis on the pedestal that he would absolutely refuse to stand on. Indeed, he absolutely did refuse to stand on it - he got

off, and put War Child on it instead. And that's another reason why he's wonderful: he publicly gave away the winnings without picty, or self-congratulation, because that's just what he does.

Jarvis Cocker is witty, selfdeprecating, human. Anyone who provokes the News of the World headline "JARVIS LOOKS LIKE A TRAINSPOTTER BUT HIS

LOVING DROVE ME LOCO" deserves a thousand awards. A man who writes a song fantasising about how a bine plaque might mark the place he first touched a girl's breast is not only ironic, he is absurdly and humanly true about the daftnesses that spin around inside the heads of arrogant, foolish boys. He

ho cares about Oasis? remembers exactly what a prat Jarvis Cocker is the you were at 19 - lonely, horny, embarrassed, irritating, soppy, selfish - all those things that young people actually are, but couldn't possibly admit to at the time. "Mother," he sings, "I think I left a part of my brain/Somewhere in a field in Hampshire." He's stoned, and

talking to his Mum?! Deflation is the English art. and Cocker is its musically poised master. That's why he bumbled on to Michael Jackson's

Britpop set and straight into my hero list. As he put it, "anyone setting themselves up as a messiah figure is a bit dodgy". Being touching and wry at the same moment is the quintessential

Jarvis expression - with an artfully timed pause. ("Want to sleep

Common People?/I (pause) I'll see what I can do.") But instead of adulating this modern hero, our colleagues and competitors have devoted miles of newsprint to boring Oasis, Let's get it straight. Oasis are second-rate. They are (or were) briefly amusing, catchy, derivative, noisy, poppy, and not very good. They should not be long missed. Noel Gal-lagher can't write a sustained lyric. Liam Gallagher is tire-some, and we've seen him all before. Most of the young people I know who really like Oasis are aged 11 and under. They'll get over it - and then they'll be

free to listen to Pulp. Colin Hughes

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Ian Strachan, the former RIZ executive brought in to revitalise BTR, stamped his mark on the sprawling conglomerate yesterday with a radical restruc-turing of the underperforming group and a 35 per cent cut in the dividend. The well-flagged moves were broadly welcomed by the City which marked the

shares 7.5p higher to 273.5p. That helped to reverse a dramatic underperformance in the shares, which have fallen by a third since peaking at 407p in August 1993. During that period they have underperformed the rest of the market by almost

Mr Strachan, who took over

year, said: "The major reshaping of BTR marks the start of a new era. We are focusing on the profitable growth of our core engineering and manufacturing businesses by building up those which have the best

BTR's new focus sees 32 formerly autonomous businesses being grouped together in four new "global groups" - automotive systems, power drives, process controls and packaging and materials – and three smaller "global and regional groups

The restructuring, against which BTR has taken a provi-

Morgan knew of

deals, says Young

ogy, last week. He has also had his passport confiscated and

fears lawyers' fees could wipe

everything with the lawyers'

fees alone but it is one of those

things in life. That's just the way

it is. There are worse things that

could happen. You have got to

keep things in perspective. At

least I still have my family," said

Mr Young. His skills as a fund manager

were widely admired by many of his colleagues and business contacts before he was sus-

pended from his job last week.

But there have also been

questions about his state of

mind amid reports that he was

suffering from an enormous

Mr Young has just moved

with his wife, Harmanna, and

tablish how he purchased the

house as speculation mounted

that he secured a loan against

some of the firms that were

shows that there is no mortgage

attached to the property.

A Land Registry search

"I am worried we will lose the

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One described him as "incisive

and focused"

"It seems as if we will lose

him out.

panied by a major disposal pro-gramme which will see businesses accounting for 25 per cent of last year's group sales

have only just finished having it

redecorated. I don't want to go back to a three-bed semi," Mrs

"Last week I really felt the

world was crashing in on me.

Mr Young is spending a great

deal of time with his solicitors,

City firm Peters & Peters, and

could be sacked from his job

next week. Morgan Grenfell As-

set Management declined to re-

spond to the suggestions made

The firm's investigators are

thought to be analysing the

contents of a Jersey bank ac-

count which was held in Mr

Young's name, and which could

hold the key to the start of any

criminal investigation by the Se-

Granfell in Jersey, could show

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has not begun an inquiry.

tody official in Jersey.

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Brokers who carried out

deals for Mr Young say they re-

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rious Fraud Office.

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But he keeps coming home

saying we will be all right."

Young said.

by Mr Young.

Mr Strachan said the disposals were well under way. Including the sale, announced yesterday, of BTR's electric

bullet and cut its interim divi-dend from 5.54p to 4.0p. It also promised a reduction in the final payout from 9.15p to 5.6p. Mr Strachan said the cut in the dividend, which had accounted for about two thirds of BTR's cash flow, would allow investment in the core businesses. He promised future growth

in line with the increase in underlying earnings per share. News of the restructuring accompanied interim profit fig-ures showing profits before tax all but wiped out by provisions, which also included a £273m hit to cover the cost of exiting discontinued businesses. Before exceptionals, profits of £626m

compared with £729m in the first half of 1995. Mr Strachan justified the dis-

posal of a quarter of BTR's businesses by pointing to the low return on both sales and capital employed of the businesses to be sold. Compared to the 20 per cent operating margin of the retained businesses those being sold had returns of less than half as much.

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He dismissed suggestions that BTR was following in the footsteps of Hanson, rationalising its disparate activities as a prelude to a break-up of the group into more focused busi-

Analysis welcomed the move towards greater focus at the roup and almost 24 million BTR shares changed hands yesterday, nearly three times the daily average of 8.8 million. Comment, page 21

Shock as

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor

Donald Brydon, one of the City's best-known figures, has lost his job as deputy chief executive of BZW, 48 hours after Bill Harrison moved in as the new head of the investment bank. Mr Brydon is certain to leave with a substantial payoff from a position that is likely to have paid upwards of £300,000

He was beaten to the top job at BZW in the summer when Barclays decided to hire Mr Harrison from Robert Fleming, the merchant bank, to succeed David Band, the chief executive who died at the beginning of the

BZW said Mr Brydon had "agreed to leave the firm as are new team takes over".

Mr Harrison has been on three months gardening leave, and BZW said this had given him time to think about the way he wanted to run the business, which was why he was able to announce changes at the top so soon after arriving at his desk on Tuesday. One of Mr Harrison's key decisions has been to dispense with the post of deputy chief executive and instead ask the management committee to report directly to him as chief executive

A BZW spokesman said: With his experience at Lehman Brothers and Robert Fleming running investment banking businesses he knows the management structure needed. What he has done is bring in a new generation of people."

However, Mr Brydon, aged 50, is only three years older than Patrick O'Sullivan, who moves from chief executive of structured finance to chief operating officer and becomes a member of the management committee.

Mr Brydon made his name as a top fund manager at BZW, the investment bank set up in the mid-1980s, after joining Barclays' pension fund in 1977.

He became deputy chief exing chief executive for six months following the death of Mr Band. Mr Brydon is not thought to have taken any other job yet, but is likely to move swiftly into a top fund management job.

Mr Brydon said: "I am de-lighted that BZW is in such good shape and has a vigorous new management team to take it forward in the next stage of its development. It has been a privilege to have been a part of BZW's success and led it in the past few months."

Other key appointments to the management committee are Bob Diamond, who joined in July from CS First Boston as chief executive of global markets, and Steve Harker, who becomes chief executive of equities, replacing Jonathan Davie, who is to become full-

eased out of Argyll soon after.

The banks subsequently backed him in a £450m bid for

Lowndes Queensway, the car-

pet retailer, but the acquisition

went sour with the recession

and he left the company in 1990.

Mr Gulliver was married four

times, and maintained a Re-

gency mansion in Edinburgh as well as apartments in Chelsea,

Marbella and Cannes.

# Reshaping will give BTR 'more focus'

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

JILL TREANOR

funds last week.

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Peter Young, the fund manag-

er at the centre of the Morgan

Grenfell fiasco, broke his silence

yesterday, saying his senior

managers knew about the trans-

actions that led to the suspen-

sion of three top-performing

Investigators are attempting

to unravel a maze of Luxem-

bourg-registered shell compa-

nies set up by the 38-year-old

fund manager and assess

whether he made any personal

house in Amersham, Bucking-

hamshire, Mr Young said that

he went out of his way to tell se-

nior management about the

companies in which he bought

But, he said his managers did

not scrutinise his work because

they trusted his previous per-

formance. The funds he ran had

ing funds before sliding through

the rankings earlier this year.

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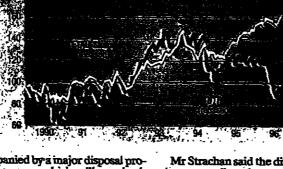
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power group to FKI, disposals of businesses with sales of

£1.5bn have been made, leaving operations with turnover of about £800m still on the block. After months of speculation, and despite a rise in the payout six months ago, BTR also but the

# Unit trust fiasco: Suspended fund manager says he informed senior executives of companies he was buying into

#### Twickenham link confounds accountants

This week SinterCast is in byzantine share dealings of holm bourse, SinterCast's head products mainly for the car don. A month ago it was in Lucerne, Switzerland. The Swedes, however, will tell you that it never left Stockholm,

writes Michael Harrison. trades from Morgan Grenfell and also received instructions But wherever it is, the comfrom Maurice Wheller, the cuspany has never made a penny in profit. Confused? Then spare No suspicion is attached to a thought for the forensic accountants trying to track the

SinterCast, is one of the myriad high-technology stocks bought into by Mr Young's European Growth Trust. Last week, much to everyone's amazement, including that of Sintercast, Morgan Grenfell emerged as its majority 58 per cent shareholder. Though listed on the Stock-

an office block half a mile from Twickenham rugby ground. It moved there from Lucerne

at the beginning of August to be nearer its markets. The company, which was founded by two Swedish entrepreneurs in 1983, has developed a patented process used in the sales of 766,000 crowns but that manufacture of cast iron

Hyundai of Korea has signed

an agreement to evaluate the process and SinterCast has installed it system in a large US foundry but executives will cheerfully tell you it has never made a profit in 13 years. In 1995 it lost 65m Swedish crowns (£6.3m) on

## Gokal's trickery kept BCCI over a barrel, court told

of Credit and Commerce International "over a barrel" after he allegedly tricked it into bankrolling his business empire, an Old Bailey jury heard today. Anthony Hacking QC, pros-

ecuting, said that anything Ab-bas Gokal, 60, "touched turned into losses". He fed BCCI false information to ensure it kept BCCI exposed itself to such

a huge extent keeping Mr Gokal's shipping and trading empire afloat that if it went into liquidation the consequences for the bank would have been "terrible", said counsel, who added: "He had them over a barrel."

It is alleged that Mr Gokal, in a massive international fraud with top BCCI officials, defrauded the bank's depositors out of \$1.2bn (£774m). BCCI was closed in July 1991 by the meant the end of Mr Gokal's business - the Gulf Group. The huge scale of the fraud,

the biggest ever to be brought to count, then became apparent.
Counsel said in 1985 BCCI began pressing Mr Gokal to scale down his losses as it was having trouble keeping the bank's auditors at bay and disguising the huge hole in the ac-

Notes from a meeting be-tween BCCI officials and Mr Gokal were read to the court. A bank official tells Mr Gokal: "You have wronged and hurt us a lot. How can you sleep at night? You are continually

blackmailing us. Your demands continue to average £1m a day. These are not our funds. They "For God's sake do some-

have to be returned. thing about it. You have such a callous attitude. If this thing ex-plodes everyone will be affected. I am fed up, at my wits end. Never in my life have I known such a fiasco." The official said Mr Gokal

had given the bank "false and misleading" information which hoodwinked it into helping him.
The court heard that Mr Gokal had created a huge fraudulent business empire. "The Crown say that Mr

was based in London and Geneva, denies conspiracy to

family," said counsel.

account falsely and conspiracy to defraud between January 1985 and July 1987. "Millions of dollars were

Gokal used vast sums he de-

frauded to sustain his lavish

lifestyle around the world to

provide personal benefit and ber of companies through which gain for himself and his close the funds flowed. He misused ordinary employees and duped Mr Gokal, a Pakistani, who them into signing false documents to deceive on a massive scale," counsel said. He went on: "There was an

Mr Gokal's companies and

BCCL There were a large num-

elaborate system of co-operation between him and BCCI." The hearing continues.

#### **Business warned of millennium CHRIS GODSMARK** larger firms expected to spend cease to function. Retailers

**Business Correspondent** 

Dire warnings of a global computer crash were made by the Government yesterday, unless boardroom executives urgently got to grips with the software implications of the year 2000 date change. Taskforce 2000, the indepen-

dent group set up to tell businesses about the problem, said before it would be too late. The cost to UK businesses alone has been estimated at £15bn, with tens of millions each.

The difficulties arise because most computer systems only register the last two digits of the year and simply assume the century number is a "19". When the millennium arrives many programmes will not be able to cope with the date change. At best some computers would need re-programming, at worst whole networked systems could

In addition, simple computer chips in everyday appliances have the date encoded and may

were already finding their sys-tems had rejected products with sell-by dates of more than 2000 because the computer assumed they were almost a 100-years old. The Taskforce would be writ-

ing to all British utility companies to ask what action they had taken. "This is not an IT problem, it's more of a business management problem," said Ian Taylor, Minister of Science and Technology at the DTL The idea that it can be left to II managers is seriously misguided," he continued.

Mr Taylor defended the Goverument's grant to the Taskforce of just £170,000, which he described as "seedcorn money".

The group, which has set itself a target of making firms aware of the problem by next spring. has to raise extra funds from the

Yet, so far, most company directors have little or no understanding of the problem. Robin Guenier, the Taskforce director, said: "It's just a question of leadership... there is remarkably little time to do it. It is very very urgent and very very serious". | James Gulliver: I



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#### James Gulliver dies aged 66

Strathclyde, built the Safeway supermarket chain into one of Britain's most successful food retailers in the 1980s. The turning-point in his

career came in 1985 when he and his two close colleagues in the



He was also a director of Manchester United and Heart trust of his board, and was of Midlothian football clubs. Churchill can insure your car for less

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sonable stab at creating some semblance of COMMENT order out of the sprawling mess Ian Strachan inherited at BTR, but while he's tied up a 'This is the final nail

few loose threads, there are still too many unanswered questions for comfort. The final curtain is being drawn on the stock market's long love affair with conglomerates. In the 1970s and 1980s, both Hanson and BTR shareholders got rich on the theory that any old rubbish could be bought up, sorted out and run for cash. The party was a long and spectacular one but it ended ages ago and so far no one's managed to recover from it. The first to grip the nettle was Hanson with its break-up proposal. BTR's approach is different but essentially it is a response to the same set of problems. Paring businesses down to their cash-generative, high-margin core may give earnings a short-term fillip, but it is no way to create long-term growth, as both Hanson and BTR have found to their cost.

Growth requires investment, which is near impossible if, like BTR, you hand twothirds of your free cash flow back to shareholders. So cutting the dividend was an obvious starting point. The second leg of the strategy is to reinvest that money in a handful of global businesses in which BTR has a genuine leadership position. Selling the rubbish accumulated over years of compul-

ter of its sales can be disposed of without much effect on profit.

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The creation of seven new business divisions into which 32 existing areas of operation are to be divvied up also appears on the surface to be a step forward. But it would be wrong to expect such a cosmetic change to provide any sort of panaces. The hazy distinction drawn between BTR's four core divisions and the three others which don't appear quite to have made the cut, suggest executives have not got to grips with sensibly categorising the group's thousand or so subsidiaries. There is a size beyond which any company must become unmanageable and BTR appears to have reached it.

The other nagging doubt is over the extent to which the centre can genuinely hope to add any value to businesses as fundamentally different as automotive systems and packaging. The battle to persuade shareholders that BTR in its current form should exist at all has only just begun. BTR may yet have to follow Hanson down the path of full demerger.

#### Treg's proposal just doesn't measure up

Which is better for the Kepit's 77,000 sive acquisition making also makes sense investors - their own company's plans for liq-proposal is not as good. There is, however, to be. As Taskforce 2000, the independent given the dismal returns on both sales and uidating itself or the rival takeover proposal a rogue element in all this. The Kepit solubody set up to raise awareness, admitted yes-

Seven out of ten, Mr Strachan. Yesterday's | capital employed they were generating. It is | from TR European Growth (Treg)? On the | tion is essentially one of unitisation; it is an package of measures from BTR are a rea | quite an indictment of the group that a quar- | face of it, Treg seems to have quite a case. | unfortunate irony that it should have cho-Performance at the Kleinwort Benson European Privatisation Investment Trust (Kepit), has been lamentable. By contrast Treg's investment performance has been reasonably good, though the trust is actually a rather different kettle of fish, specialising in smaller European companies rather than the privatisation and larger company stocks

BTR navel-gazing leaves questions unanswered

which are Kepit's hallmarks. When you look at it closely, however, better performance seems to be Treg's only card. In all other respects its offer is inferior, the bottom line being that it has £10m less on the table. There are a number of reasons for this. The first concerns fees. With the Kepit proposal, Kleinwort Benson and M & G, both offering the opportunity of conversion into their own unit trust products, largely pick up the tab. With Treg, it is Kepit which pays the costs. Furthermore Treg will have to pay Kleinwort a £4m management termination fee should it win; again the money will come from the trust. With the Kepit proposal, Kleinwort has agreed to waive the fee. Finally, Treg cannot bid for Kepit unless there is something in it for its own shareholders. It is therefore having to bid at a small discount to formular asset

Whatever Treg says, the truth of the matter is that on anything you can measure, its proposal is not as good. There is, however,

sen this route at the very moment that the unit trust industry's failings and weaknesses should have been so cruelly exposed by the Morgan Grenfell debacle. Say what you like about the fuddy duddy old investment trust, but there's a new spring in its step after this dreadful case of hubris in the upstart unit trusts sector.

It has been all too easy to condemn the investment trust board as just jobs for the boys, little more than an excuse for long hunches. Now it seems that these independent directors may provide a rather better form of investor protection than all the unit trust industry's highly paid trustees, auditors and compliance officers put together. The job of an investment trust board is to vet every single investment made by the managers - and they do, for their reputations are on the line. The good old-fashioned invest-ment trust may be about to enjoy a renais-

#### Who will solve the millennium problem?

So much hype has surrounded the looming millennium computer software crisis that it is impossible to gauge what the true cost of this extraordinary lack of foresight is going to be. As Taskforce 2000, the independent

terday, nightmare estimates of £15bn for British industry are pretty meaningless, given that most companies will pay for the necessary adjustments by deferring other IT

All the same, the Department of Indus-try is plainly right to highlight the problem, and to insist that it is one for the boardroom, not just the humble IT director. A straw poll of three very senior British Gas executives yesterday (we'll spare them the embarrassment of naming them) showed an astonishing level ignorance. Two were aware of the problem in theory but knew nothing of the situation at British Gas itself. The third, the most senior of all, said: "I didn't know about it until you mentioned it." No doubt BG has plenty of other things on its plate, but failing to address the "Millennium problem," with consequent billing chaos for 19 million customers, would hardly do much for for the company's shattered image.

As luck would have it, British Gas's computer department seems to be more in touch with reality than its board of directors. British Gas Energy, the supply business, has just installed a massive new billing database. but will still need to spend many millions of pounds in order to cope with the date change. Despite this substantial financial commitment, top executives seem almost completely unaware of it. Doubtless the situation at British Gas is no worse than other UK utilities. Just what are these people paid their fat cat salaries for?

# Gillette to pay \$7bn for Duracell

**DAVID USBORNE** NEW YORK

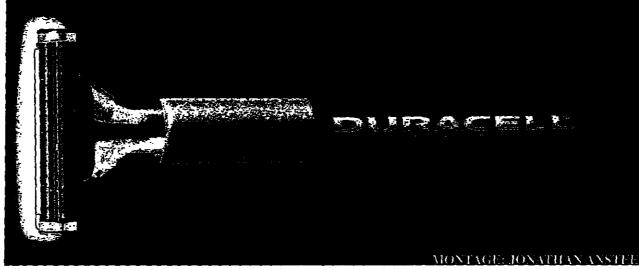
Gillette, the razor and pen giant, yesterday announced it is to acquire Duracell, the number one ranked maker of alkaline batteries, in a \$7bn (£4.5bn) deal that will bring together two of the best-known brand names

This is the latest move by Boston-based Gillette to expand beyond its core base of shaving products. The all-share transaction is also a coup for the New York buyout firm, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR), which purchased Duracell from Kraft in 1988 for \$1.8bn. KKR has since the buyout, but still holds a 34 per cent stake.

"This transaction represents an excellent strategic fit for Gillette," said Alfred Zeien, Gillette's chief executive and chairman, yesterday. Mr Zeien has led the effort to diversify Gillette's product line since he took control in 1991.

Gillette continues to derive the bulk of its profits from the shaving sector, with products such as the Sensor razor, Braun shavers, Gillette shaving foams as well as its Right Guard brand of deodorant. In his efforts to broaden the spread of the com-pany, Mr Zeien has overseen the acquisition of Parker Pen and the Oral-B dental line.

Consistent with this strategy the world in the products it sells. world-wide.



\$1.37 to \$63.75.

KKR, which is believed by many to be gathering funds for

lost recently. KKR sold its re-

Gillette claims to be the world leader in shaving products, writing instruments - Paper Mate is also in the stable - and, through this deal, in domestic

battery sales. Duracell, based in Bethel, Connecticut, leads the battery market ahead of the Ever Ready/Energiser brand owned by Raiston Purina. It hopes to benefit from yesterday's deal be-Gillette remains number one in ence and marketing clout

chairman and chief executive, said: "With the resources of Gillette supporting us, we anticinate expanding our worldwide leadership in the battery business at a faster rate, due to the benefit of the significant presence of Gillette in markets where Duracell is not as strongly recommended.

Charles Perrin. Duracell's

Under the share-swap deal, a fresh round of acquisitions. ceive 0.904 shares of Gillette maining stake in reinsurer disappointed Wall Street instock for each share they own. American Re Corp. New York-vestors.

Duracell was trading at \$55.50 based KKR specialises in buying companies, boosting their on Wall Street at the time of the announcement yesterday, after values and then selling them.

rising more than \$6 in the morning on rumours of the KKR, which made its initial purchase of Duracell for the takeover. Gillette stock slid equivalent of roughly \$5 a share, began selling its stake in 1991 when it took the company The Duracell sale is only the latest of a series of disposals by

public with a public offering.

Although Duracell has 50 per cent of the US alkaline battery market, its performance

#### **BAe rules out GEC** merger in next year

MICHAEL HARRISON

Sir Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, yesterday ruled out a merger with GEC for at least the next 12 months but held out the prospect of further tie-ups with European defence and aircraft groups.

The arrival this week at GEC of the former BAe executive George Simpson as chief executive has heightened specula-tion that an alliance between the two defence giants might at last be on the cards.

But Sir Dick played down the likelihood of an early tie-up. Speaking as BAe announced a 38 per cent leap in half-year profits to £215m, he said: George has stepped into one hell of a business and it will take him at least a year to get the feel of it. It is highly unlikely, even if we had the will or the requirement, that there will be discussion with GEC within

However, he held out the partner will put in. prospect of further consolida-

tion with rival European groups following the £1bn merger of BAe's missiles division with that of the French group Matra.

BAe intends to support the bid that Matra's parent company Lagadère intends to make for the French defence electronics group Thomson when it is privatised. Ultimately, BAe wants to see the creation of a European defence and aerospace holding company along the lines of Unilever and Royal Dutch Shell.

Sir Dick also said that the four partners in the civil aircraft manufacturer Airbus Industrie, in which BAe has a 20 per cent stake, remained on course to agree a binding memorandum of understanding by the end of the year paving the way for its conversion to a public company. A team of accountants from Price Waterhouse is drawing up pro-forma accounts for the new Airbus company

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#### Inflation above target despite latest fall

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

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The headline rate of inflation fell to 2.1 per cent last month, rounding off a week of favourable economic news. But there was disappointment for the Govemment as its target measure of inflation refused to decline.

City experts said yesterday Markets, who thinks the Govthat the fact that this measure -the headline retail price index less mortgage interest payments was stuck above the 2.5 per cent target would make it harder for Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, to

cut interest rates. Ian Shepherdson at HSBC

erument will hit its inflation target before long, said: "These figures will make an early rate cut a risky exercise for Mr Other analysts had stronger words of caution for the Chan-

cellor. "Monetary policy will need to be tightened next year

to head off higher inflation in 1998," said David Walton at instment bank Goldman Sachs. Most predict that inflation will continue to fall in the short term, not least because inflation

at the factory gate has reached a 29-year low. The target measure could edge below 2.5 per cent during the next six months.

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#### THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE

For 30 years, he ran the world's most feared network of spies. And he's still at large. Leslie Colitt reveals the secrets of the man said to have inspired John le Carré's Karla

Age of innocence - or age of delinquency? Few subjects divide opinion so ferociously as childhood. Blake Morrison searches for truth among the myths

Plus: Helen Fielding indulges her appetites, Michael Bywater indulges his, and Robert Cushman gets to the bottom of Harold Pinter



Power partners: big hair and small talk on the Washington wife circuit. Plus, the price of your principles: how much would you charge to sell out? And the Critics: the week in review and highlights of the week ahead

#### IMF to replenish coffers

The International Monetary Fund, the world's economic policeman, is preparing to give newly industrialised countries a greater say in its decisions in return for an infusion of money. writes Diane Coyle.

The IMF's available funds have been depleted by record lending of \$26bn (£16.7bn) in the latest financial year, inchuding its biggest loan, a \$10bn sum extended to Russia. At the fund's annual meeting in Washington later this month its steering committee will consider plans to double the amount raised from its membership through their "quotas".
The IMF is already putting

the finishing touches to all increase in the amount it can borrow from members through the so-called "new arrange-ment to borrow" (NAB). This follows the fund's offer of \$17ba in stand-by credit to the \$50bn international rescue package for Mexico in 1995.

The NAB will tap the rising economies such as Korea and Singapore, as well as countries such as Austria and Australia, for the first time. Along with the existing "general arrangement to borrow, it will make up to \$50bn in emergency loans available to the IMF. The fund's move will come

hard on the heels of the recent admission of nine new members to the Bank for International Settlements, the Basie-based central bankers' bank. The expansion of the BIS - which includes Brazil, China, Hong Kong, India, Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia and Singapore - was also intended to reflect the changing global economic order.



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# **British Gas** plans price cuts in the South-west

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent** 

British Gas is considering slashing prices later this year for hundreds of thousands of domestic customers in the Southwest of England, in an attempt to fend off competition from ri-

val independent suppliers. The cuts, which would be made in Devon, Comwall and Somerset where trials of residential competition are underway, would mean customers would enjoy lower bills from British Gas than elsewhere in

Roy Gardner, the chief executive designate of British Gas Energy, the gas supply business which is soon to be hived off, said yesterday: "We have a whole range of pricing options that we are currently considering". Full domestic competition is not planned for the whole of the UK until 1998, with further trials in the South of England starting in the

new year. British Gas said its license with the watchdog, Ofgas, prevented such price adjustments until competition had been "deemed" to have been "established," though the precise meaning of this phrase was unclear.

Mr Gardner said in his view this could happen in the Southwest by November, when the trial would have been in progress for six months. Out of 500,000 households involved, around 75,000 customers, or 15 per cent, have switched to rival companies. Independent firms have offered price discounts of up to 25 per cent to tempt po-

Separately, Mr Gardner gave an ambitious commitment to "solve" British Gas's customer service problems by the end of the year. At the group's results, announced yesterday, it emerged that it had spent £40m in the first six months of the year trying to sort out the

lan Powe, the director of the

sceptical that the commitment

could be met. Complaints rose

by 30 per cent in the first seven

months of the year to 26,164. In

July they were up by 170 per

cent, partly because of teething

problems with British Gas's

new national computer system.

if they achieve this and I cer-

tainly wouldn't bet on it. You

just can't wave a magic wand

and get trained people," Mr

staff took voluntarily redun-

dancy between January and

June, costing the company

£380m, an average of more than

£69,000 for each employee

However, these costs had al-

ready been written off in a pre-

vious restructuring provision.

teered to leave the company

than we had anticipated and

said the finance director, Philip

Hampton. Yet British Gas had

to take on 1,200 temporary

staff to help deal with the del-

uge of telephone complaints.

of the year, on a current cost ba-

sis, fell by 11.5 per cent to

£705m. The boost from last win-

ter's cold weather was wiped

out by losses on long-term

take-or-pay contracts to buy eas

at well above the current mar-

ket price. This helped to push

the industrial gas division £180m into the red, with losses

of £400m expected by the end

Richard Giordano, the chair-

man, said he was hopeful the

first "two or three" take-or-pay

contracts could be renegotiated

been "painstakingly slow".

soon, but admitted progress had

held at 6.4p, with Mr Giordano

blaming the continuing uncer-

tainty over the Ofgas price

controls proposed for the

pipeline business, TransCo. He said no decision had been made

about whether to refer the dis-

pute to the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission.

The interim dividend was

Pre-tax profits in the first half

have left faster than expected."

"More people have volun-

It was disclosed that 5,500

Powe explained.

"I would be very impressed

BAe flourishes all alone defence industry, British Aerospace and GEC, may ultimately be what investors

have in their gun sights but for now BAe is doing just fine on its own. Shorn of Rover and with its commer-cial aircraft division responding slowly to treatment, BAe is somewhere close to fir-

ing on all cylinders. The turboprop aircraft market may still be in the doldrums, even after the demise of Fokker took out a sing of unwanted capacity. But the military market is recovering strongly from the Cold War blues while Airbus, once the whipping boy of BAe, is probably turning in annual profits for the group in the region of between £80m and £100m.

The 38 per cent jump in pre-tax, preexceptional profits for the half-year to 30 June, is testimony to the recovery in BAe's civil aircraft markets and the pre-election spending spree that Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, has enthusiastically embarked on.

The strengthening, meanwhile, in the balance sheet, with some £511m in net cash sloshing around at the half-year mark is largely the result of the windfall from the flotation of Orange, in which BAe retains a 22 per cent stake.

But the contribution of the management team, led by Sir Dick Evans, chief executive, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, cannot be over-estimated. Cost controls have been improved, working capital squeezed and the nettle finally grasped of BAe's yawning lease recourse exposure in commercial aircraft.

What of the future? The official line is that George Simpson, himself an ex-BAc man, will be too busy getting to grips with GEC to spare time for merger talks in the next 12 months. But the deeper BAe gets into the prime contractor role of defence systems integration the more obvious be-

Five year record

Dividends per share (penca)

Sales by division

Pre-tex profits (Em)

The tantalising prospect of a merger be-tween the two monoliths of the domestic GEC. In the meantime it has the rest of Europe to go for. The merger of BAe's missiles business with those of the French group Maira is the shape of things to come. While BAe may have its own grand design for European defence integration, it may have to be opportunist in what else it bolts on. The shares, up another 37p to 1,049.5p, have performed heroics but with talk of a break-up value of £14 they may still have some way to go. Profits of £450m this year and £550m next put the shares on a forward multiple of 15, falling

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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#### Jury still out on **United Biscuits**

to 12. Still worth a shot.

Harry Enfield, Jane Asher and Linda Mc-Cartney have all been enlisted recently by United Biscuits, the McVities biscuits and KP snacks group, in an attempt to win the high-stakes battle of the brands with rivals such as PepsiCo. It is not clear that

it will be enough to placate the City.
UB's shares, banished from the FT-SE 100, recently hit an 11-year low of 200p, having halved in just three years. In 1995, UB reported its first loss and cut the dividend. Selling the main culprit, loss-making Keebler in the US, and closing operations in Spain resulted in a one-off hit of £150m.

Yesterday's interims were a more mindane affair. Excluding exceptional items, pre-tax profits almost doubled to £44.9m while the dividend was held at 3.5p. Operating profits in the UK rose 15 per cent to £42.3m, but profits fell in the Asia-Pacific region to £2.2m from £5.6m as the Australian division came under attack from

UB's aim is to grow by getting the best

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out of its remaining businesses and by keeping costs down. To this end it has set ambitious internal targets. By the end of 1998 it aims to have lifted return on capital from a moving average of 14.5 per cent to 25 per cent, while increasing operating margins from 6.5 to 8 per cent.

Setting goals is one thing, meeting them is altogether different. While chief executive Eric Nicoli stressed that the interims were "relatively uneventful", management has an unhappy knack of upsetting the market and it will take at least another set of figures before the jury returns with an acquitted verdict.

In the meantime, Merrill Lynch's middle-of-the range forecasts assume pre-tax profits of £109m rising to £123m in 1997. That puts the shares, up 10p to 212.5p, on a forward PE ratio of 15 falling to 13. High enough.

#### Copper plunge nails RTZ profits

RTZ could have wished for a more propitious six months to announce its first results since the mining giant's December merger with CRA, a former Australian associate. The Sumitomo scandal, combined with a strong Australian dollar and problems at the huge new smelter being commissioned at the Kennecott business in the US, has driven a copper nail through first-half profits.

The figures are complicated by the fact that the new KTZ-CRA maintains separate share quotations in London and Sydney, and now reports in US dollars. Reported pre-tax profits slumped from \$1.02bn (£640m) to \$891m in the six months to June, which after stripping out an exceptional write-down last time. translated into a 22 per cent fall in net earnings to \$552m.

The main problem for RTZ has been the collapse in metal prices in the wake of Sumitomo, especially copper, which last year accounted for just over half pre-tax profits. Down 13 per cent in the first half. the fall in copper, along with aluminium and molybdenum prices, wiped \$194m from the bottom line, with the higher Australian dollar taking a further \$34m.

The hostile market environment was exacerbated by operational difficulties. The failure of equipment and an explosion have set back full commissioning of Kennecott's Garfield smelter for Bingham Canyon copper production by around five

months, hitting earnings by around \$100m. The group remains bullish about copper, and world economic growth appears to be picking up. That confidence was good for a 30p rise in the shares to 955p yesterday, putting them on a forward multiple of 18, assuming net profits for RTZ of £740m this year. With other output com-

#### John Laing feels good about future

John Laing said first-half pre-tax profits dropped to £8.8m from £9.7m a year before, but shares in construction rose sharply on an upbeat trading statement. The clusive feel-good factor seems to be returning "said John Laing, chairman. "I believe that the prospects for our business are more promising than they have been for some years." Earnings per share dropped from 6.7p to 5.8p but the 3p dividend was held. Laing is in talks for the M40 road contract and a hospital in Norwich.

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#### Market boost for Wilson Connolly €.

Wilson Connolly, the housebuilder, declared a maintained interim dividend at 1.36p despite pre-tax profits falling from £10m to £8m in the six months to June. Lynn Wilson, the chairman, said the improvement in the housing market in the south of England had continued into the summer, with reservations 20 per cent ahead

#### PIA speaks out on regulations

The Personal Investment Authority yesterday published the first of a series of proposals for streamlining the regulations governing the sales of financial products. Joe Palmer, chairman of the PIA, said the aim was to achieve more effective regulation. The PIA document questioned whether investor protection was the best way to describe its activities because the phrase carried the two "unhelpful connotations" that it offered protection from risk, which regulators could not do, and protection from seilers.

#### Legal & General 'will not merge'

David Prosser, chief executive of Legal & General, ruled out purchasing or merging with another insurance company as he announced better-than-expected first-half operating profits of £134.3m, compared with £111.1m last year. Mr Prosser also said that L&G may gain business as a result of Morgan Grenfell's prob-lems with its unit trusts. The interim dividend was raised by 13.6 per cent to 8.75p per share. The half year produced a big increase in new business, especially in life and pensions, where operating profit rose to £103.4 m from £70.1 m a year ago. General insurance profit fell to £9.7 m from £24.1 m a year earlier.

#### Fee income rises at accountants

Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants and management consultants, saw UK gross fee income rise 6 per cent in the year 1995-96, from £659m to £701m, with corporate finance and management consulting both reporting double-digit growth. Peter Smith, the chairman, said the firm was considering whether to respond to rising law claims by incorporating or converting to a limited liability partnership.

#### Factory gate prices help bond market

Prices at the factory gate rose 0.3 per cent in the US last month due to higher food and energy cost. But "core" producer prices, excluding these two volatile components, fell by 0.1 per cent. Core prices were only 1.4 per cent higher than a year earlier. The fact that the figures were better than expected helped the Treasury bond market even though many economists still believe that the Federal Reserve will raise US interest rates later this month.

#### Staff shortage in maritime industry

London's maritime industry contributes £1bn-£2bn to the balance of payments surplus, according to British Invisibles. The group, which promotes exports of services, said the industry employed at least 10,000 people. This covers maritime insurance, the Baltic Exchange, the freight futures market Biffex, Lloyd's Register of Shipping, legal work on shipping disputes and international agencies such as the International Maritime Organisation. British visibles predicts a shortage of people with the skills to work in the maritime industry within five to 10 years.

#### Cider stands up to alcopops

HP Bulmer, maker of the Strongbow and Woodpecker cider of its premium packaged ciders had grown by 8 per cent in the four months since its financial year started in May. Esmond Bulmer, chairman, said: "Our cider sales in the UK compare reasonably with last year's buoyant and very hot summer. Alcopops have established a significant presence in the drinks market, but we remain encouraged that our brands have shown resilience in the face of this new sector which competes with a wide variety of alcoholic drinks." Bulmer's statement followed a profits warning earlier this week from Matthew Clark, a rival cider maker, which blamed the new alcopop drinks for a slump in sales of its own premium packaged ciders.

#### UK clothing industry jobs at risk

Union leaders yesterday warned that up to 50,000 jobs in the cloth-Union leaders yesterday warned that up to 50,000 jobs in the couning, textile and footwear industry are in imminent danger of being "exported" to the Third World. The warning of a "crisis" in the sector, which employs around 400,000 people, followed the announcement of job losses and plans to shift production at Coats Viyella, Claremont, Dewhirsts, Baird, Peter Black and other lead. ing manufacturers, the unions said. Production has been moving to the Far East, Indian Ocean and North Africa, where production costs are significantly lower.

#### Olivetti still on the critical list

Olivetti "neither wants, nor will it ask for, state aid" to help it out of its current crisis, managing director Francesco Caio toldenthe Italian Senate Industry Committee on Wednesday. Mr Caio was speaking 24 hours after a cabinet office communique described as "pure fantasy" press reports that Prime Minister Romano Prodi had discussed a public bail-out with the troubled computer makers' honorary chairman, Carlo De Benedetti. In his statement to the committee Mr Carlo admitted that Chicatti man facilities and ers' honorary chamman, Carlo De penedetti. In his statement to the committee, Mr Caio admitted that Olivetti was "still in a critical situation", and described results as "strongly negative" and "far from a minimum acceptable point of equilibrium".

#### Gloomy outlook for lighting group

Shares in TLG, the lighting group spun off recently from Thorn EMI, plunged 61p to 109.5p after the company warned that profits in the six months to June were likely to fall to between £8m and £8.5m from £11.5m in the same period last year. The fall sent the shares below the 115p at which they floated in November 1994. The stark announcement shocked the City, despite earlier warnings by the company that short-term performance could be bit by a mixed outlook in its European markets.

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	Turnover £	Pre-tax £	₽\$	Ukvidend
APY (I)	346m (401m)	0.7m (7.1m)	0.2p(91.6p)	1p (1p)
Seatalis (I)	40.9m (37.1m)	Q.O4m (-0.67m)		0.6p (0.6p)
British Acrospace (1)	2.92bn (2.86bn)	199m (114m)	31.2p (12.2p)	
Britists Fittings (1)	39.1m (38.9m)	1.32m (1.26m)	4.19p (2.55p)	5.25p (\$p)
BIH (I)	4.93bn (4.89bn)	4.0m (729m)	-0.9p (12.5p)	1.35p (1.2p)
Capital Corp (I)	26 3m (32.6m)	7.24m (11.1m)		4p (5.54p)
Certains (l)	1.05bn (1.03bn)	81.3m (90.2m)	4.76p (7.31p)	2.125p (2.125p)
Circle Comms (I)	3.61m (6.93m)	0.70m (0.51m)	7.2p (8.4p)	29p (29p)
First Call Group (I)	23.8m (21.8m)	2.88m (-0.35m)	6.01p (6.16p)	· (加)
Hall Engineering (I)	129m (79.8m)	5.3m (3.4m)	7.6p (-7.2p)	rai (+)
Joyes Greep (i)	66.1m (66.3m)		82p (7.41p)	3.775p (3.775p)
Lasebert Howarth (1)	44.9m (39.7m)	1.1m (0,3m)	2.9p (0.9p)	र्ता (क्री)
Legal & Geograf (I)		0.79m (0.64m)	4.4b (3.7p)	2.250 (2.250)
Logica (F)	- (·)	1.51tm (119m)	18.0[ (17.1p)	8.75p (7.7p)
Record Hatelings (i)	285m (250m)	24.7m (20.3m)	27.1p (21.7p)	7.8p (6.25p)
	21.5m (17.3m)	1.28m (1.26m)	2.18p (2.18p)	1.15p (1.15p)
Recolon Muskey (I)	1.84m (-)	-1.09m (-0.51m)	-3.3n (-1 4n)	
Scotlish TV (1)	52.2m (48.8m)	10.3m(7.4m)	11.5p (10.3p)	· (·)
Spirax-Sareo (I)	136m (122m)	21.8m (19.1m)		5.5p (4p)
Pacific Media (I)	0.59m (1.01m)	-0.24m (-3.31m)	16.8p (14.6p)	4.5p (4p)
United Biscuits (I)	1.05bn (1.55bn)	42.Bm (37.8m)		ral (-)
United News & Media(I)	1.04bn (945m)		5.5p (-8.4p)	3.5p (-)
Frank (Saher (F)	Da V (A steel)	120m (112m)	16.2p (16.3p)	8p (-)

#### Gas Consumers Council, was 0.5p to 199.5p. Sir Rocco Forte survives a close encounter of the journalist kind

Sir Rocco Forte has his offices in the same building as PR company Brunswick. Yesterday, a horde of journalists taking the lift to Brunswick's fifth-floor office to hear United Biscuit's presentation were delighted when Sir

Rocco got into their lift.
The lifts are not large in the building in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, and the hotelier was literally nose-tonose with the writers. The journalists, delighted

at their opportunity for an impromptu question session, asked Sir Rocco what he thought about the Thistle Hotels float, the Granada deal and much else besides. A tanned, relaxed Sir Rocco said he had been following the Thistle deal with

interestin the papers, but just then the lift doors opened for the conference. Little did United Biscuits realise that it risked a mass defection from its presentation, as many journalists wanted to hear more from Sir Rocco. Perhaps Brunswick should move to a

John Towers, who resigned as chief executive of Rover

staged in future.

new building, in order to avoid the risk of being up-

#### BUSINESS & PEOPLE

because of unhappiness with new owner BMW, has just joined two boards; that of B Elliot, the engineering company, and the investment advisory board of Hambro European Ventures.

More press conference shenanigans. Chris Webb head press officer at Ofgas, turned up at British Gas's swish results conference at the QEII Centre in Westminster yesterday, to the con-sternation of the hosts. Ofgas isn't exactly flavour of the month with British Gas and one senior executive blurted out: "What the hell is he do-ing here?" As the British Gas hordes muttered indignantly about the interloper. it transpired that some underling had invited Mr Webb. No doubt memos will be flying today.

Andrew Knight, the man who outraged Conrad Black when he moved from the Telegraph group to Rupert Murdoch's rival empire, has picked up a non executive di-rectorship at Home Counties Newspaper Holdings.

HCNH publishes free

newspapers. Last month Emap sold its 24.5 per cent stake in HCNH to another company of which Mr Knight is a non exec, Rothschild In-vestment Trust Capital Partners (RITCP). A fellow RITCP director.

Duncan Budge, has also joined the HCNH board. RITCP has assured the newspaper group that it wants to "work closely together as partners". Mr Knight was unavailable for in Yorkshire attending his mother's birthday party.

Sir Derek Birkin is standing down as chairman of RTZ at the end of the year, but he isn't looking for any other big companies to run. Yester-day Mr Birkin insisted he wants to be nearer the front line in a smaller company, nothing to do with mining, but still industrial". Any of-

MSL the recruitment consultant that selected the first British astronaut, Helen Sharman, has just issued its

pathfinder prospectus for an AIM listing. Garry Long, chairman of MSL, bought the company out of Saatchi & Saatchi four years ago, and is looking to float it for £7.5m. Whether MSL achieves lift-off or gets lost in space remains to be seen.

BRITISH AEROSPACE : AT A GLANCE

Market value: £4.35bn, share price 1049.5p

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The Office of Fair Trading has refused a consumer credit licence to a company because the public confuses the offending firm with... the Office of Fair Trading. The OFT has ruled that

the name of the firm, Fair Trades, has "misled consumers into confusing it with the Office of Fair Trading". Fair Trades Limited, of 6a The Quadrant, Hoylake, Wirral, was first refused a consumer credit licence in July 1992 when the OFT's officer "concluded that the trading style of Fair Trades Limited is misleading and/or otherwise undesirable" with-in the meaning of the Act.

Trading names used by the company include Fair Trades Advisory Bureau, Fair Trades Organisation, Fair Trades Better Business Guide/Bureau, and Fair Trades. It's a fair cop.



John Willcock Centre stage: Sir Rocco Forte was besleged in a lift

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#### DATA BANK - FT-SE 100 3932.6 +27.0 FT-SE 250 4432.3 +14.0 FT-SE 350 1965.4 +11.9 SEAQ VOLUME

Blue chips surged to another closing peak with the FT-SE round of company results was the decisive influence. A string of better-than-expected fig-691.3m shares. ures encouraged some sharp reactions with Footsie constituents such as British Aerospace, BTR and RTZ leading

Yet most of the doubts about the stock market's currelatively low with the market as a whole only just enjoying a profitable session. And there was a decidedly squeezy atmosphere with, it was claimed, some speculators having difficulty closing their positions.

Still, New York contributed to the fun. During London trading it seemed intent on once again confounding the doubters by crossing 5,800 points for the first time.

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In London eyes are concentrated on the 4,000 target for Footsie. There is a strong 100 index stretching 27 points for Footsie. There is a strong higher to 3,932.6. The latest conviction in some quarters that once 3,900 was breached it is only a matter of time be-fore the 4,000 barrier falls.

With elections in the air interest rates in the UK and US are unlikely to damage senti-ment. It is widely thought that President Clinton will keep any US rate change on hold ahead of the presidential elecrent rush of strength remain. tion and the suspicion remains Once again, trading levels were that rates here will be pushed even lower. With the latest resuits doing nothing to undermine confidence in the outlook for the UK economy the 4,000 mark could be hit in the next

> Whether the looming election then starts to take its toll remains to be seen.

BAe rose 38p to 1,050.5p; BTR 8p to 274p and RIZ 30.5p to 961p. The BTR warrants, which can be exercised



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JKX is only one of the com-

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Oil clipped 4p at 101p after hit-ting 94.5p. Drilling at the Sara-

West field in Pakistan has so far

and Dana Petroleum.

in the 30 days following the in-terim figures, enjoyed a 3.5p uplift to 12.5p. The crucial striking price is 258p. Wolseley, on building in-dustry properts, was the best-

dustry prospects, was the best-performing blue chip, up 22p to 464p. Railtrack, headed by Bob Horton, hit a peak of 284.5p

with a 14.5p gain but another of his companies, JKX Oil & Gas, tumbled 24p to 129.5p, as the market sensed Deutsche Morgan Grenfell was testing sentiment before attempting to unload the significant stake built up by Peter Young, the suspended fund manager at the centre of the unit trust debahopeful of a strike.

Debt-laden Eurotunnel jumped 11.5p to 112.5 on reports it had clinched a deal with its creditor banks. Matthew Clark, the cider

group, remained in the dumps, off a further 12p to 343.5p. panies where the Young unit PDFM, the fund management group, is, however, still thirsty trusts have a large exposure. Others include British Biotech for the shares. It picked up a further 500,000, lifting its Unilever, responding to its shareholding to 19.6 per cent. US investment presentation, In the past three days, as the jumped 30.5p to 1,373p and shares have collapsed a stag-gering 326.5p, PDFM has added 2.2 million shares to its Zeneca recovered from recent weakness with a 22p gain to Imperial Chemical Indus-

collection. Rival HP Bulmer, with a cheerful trading report, gained 15p to 567.5p. Record cruise booking lifted Airtours 7p to grading, thought to be from Barclays de Zoete Wedd. At one time off 20p, the shares closed 5p lower at 840.5p.
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Danka Business Systems jumped another 55p to 655p. The shares have soared 170p since the group disclosed on

Good company results push Footsie to a new peak produced sub-commercial gas but the company remains dak's imaging business for

A profit warning left TLG (the old Thorn Lighting) 61p down at 109.5p and London Clubs International spun 12p lower at 274.5p following the lower at 274.5p following the profit fall at its smaller rival, Capital Corporation, off 20.5p

Gartland Whalley & Barker, a corporate consultant which nurses companies for a flotation, arrived on AIM following the reverse takeover of Select Industries. The shares

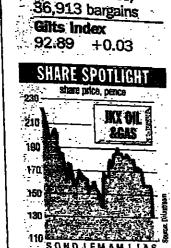
closed at 109.5p.
Westmount, with oil and eas ambitions around the Falkland Islands, held at 29.5p after an 18.12 per cent stake was placed. Easynet, the Internet service provider, had another difficult session, falling 3.5p to

a 42.5p low. Anagen, the healthcare group involved in a cash-raising exercise, rallied 6p to 29.5p.

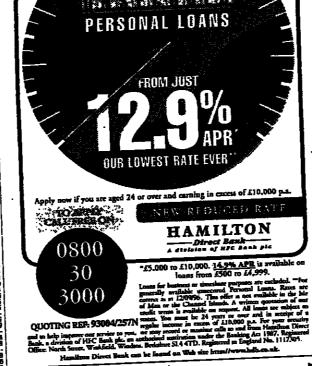
TAKING STOCK

☐Intriguing share dealings at Graham, the builders merchant which produced disappointing interim figures on Tuesday. A single 15-million trade caused the excitement. One suggestion was an institution had sold to a market maker who had been unable to place the shares. Such a development, with more than 10 per cent of the capital in the market, would indicate the shares, off 9p to a 125p low, are set to fall even further. Schroder Investment Management is the biggest shareholder with a 17.1 per cent interest.

Hanover International, the fiedgling hotel group run by Peter Eyles, which recently splashed out £40m for six botels, should lift profits from £800,000 this year to £3.3m next year with £4.3m in sight for 1998, says stock-







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# Buyers line up for United titles

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

United News & Media, Lord Hollick's media company, has received as many as 20 expressions of interest for its 47 southern regional newspaper titles. worth about £60m, it emerged

The "significant" level of in-terest had exceeded expecta-tions, Lord Hollick, the Labour yesterday. peer, said as he unveiled the company's first set of results since the controversial merger of MAI and Lord Stevens' United Newspapers in April.

UNM is now putting together an information memorandum, to be sent to all registered potential buyers. Of these, both Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers and Trinity, the regional newspaper company.

are expected to lead the pack.
Pre-tax profits at UNM climbed 21.5 per cent to £151.9m in the six months to June, on a

PATRICK TOOHER

Shares in Caradon hit a 12-

month high yesterday as the

building products and cheque-

printing group published better-

than-expected results and gave

an upbeat trading statement.



is 'significant' pro-forma basis, reflecting the ef-

fects of the merger. The star performers were business services and broadcasting, taking in the ITV franchises Anglia Television and Meridian. Turnover rose 10 per cent to £1.04bn.

Lord Hollick said the results showed "significant progress" in integrating the television and newspaper companies. He expected to identify further opportunities for cross promotion between the newspaper titles, ject to planning approval:

months to June fell from £90.2m

to £81.3m, but analysts focused

on the 32 per cent improvement

in the second half of last year

and the prospect of more cost

savings to come. The shares rose

Caradon said cost savings of

28.5p to 249.5p on the news.

ed Provincial Newspapers, and the group's commercial televi-

Lord Hollick said it was too early to judge the effects of a restructuring of the Daily and Stan-day Express titles, which are to be merged into a seven-day operation. "The titles have been sarved of investment," he said, adding that the new structure would allow the editorial prod-Lord Hollick: Says interest uct to be enhanced, but at the cost of 85 jobs. In the future, Lord Hollick

said, the group would concentrate on being market leaders in key sectors, including the lucrative consumer publishing and business services operations in the US, as well as broadcasting and television and film production. He expected a £225m joint venture theme park, being developed with US giant Time Warner, to open toward the end of next year, sub-

Upbeat statement lifts Caradon progress on cutting budget deficits en-shrined in the Maastricht Treaty. first half and the target of £50m Mr Allsopp's broadside begins with the reasonable observation that the for the year would be exceeded. Peter Jansen, chief executive, pre-Maastricht policies risk creating a vicious circle. Slow growth leads to said he hoped to conclude the sale of Caradon's non-core enhigher unemployment, a bigger gov-ernment deficit – and the hunt for gineering and distribution subsidiaries and the disposal of its spending cuts that will slow growth UK-based automotive plastics division by the end of the year. | even further.

of the past 44 months.

the Keynesians are fighting back.

A campaign is being waged, mainly within the Labour Party,

against what has become the policy con-

sensus on the causes of and cures for un-

employment. It is taking place under the cover of obscurity provided by the de-

bate about the European single currency

This week's figures showed that claimant unemployment had fallen to a five and-

a-half year low, having declined in 40 out

The new orthodoxy therefore holds

that the solution to mass unemployment

requires deregulation, lower social costs

for employers, greater competition,

greater flexibility in the workforce and so on. An attempt to create jobs by stim-

ulating the economy with extra govern-ment spending would be inflationary. It

would also undermine the necessary

and its effect on jobs.



#### ECONOMIC VIEW DIANE COYLE

Throwing government money

The Maastricht deficit criteria are certainly being interpreted too strictly. The blanket 3 per cent of GDP ceiling At an Employment Policy Institute seminar this week, Christopher Allsopp. does not make any allowance for the part of the budget deficit linked solely to the state of the economic cycle. With some an economist from New College, Oxford, delivered a rousing attack on the notion that most European unemployment is potential EMU members clamping due to structural problems rather than deficient demand. This notion is gaindown on government spending when their economies are weak the results ing ground rapidly among Continental politicians who observe that the deregulated British labour market finally could be counter-productive. It would make more sense to have a cyclically-adseems to be fulfilling its jobs promise.

growth. Professor Marris's top policy recommendation is faster growth to be achieved by the payment of a higher wage for the low paid and lower interest rates. He also favours higher taxes and a more generous welfare state, to alleviate the situation of the underclass. He agrees that the pre-single currency focus on budget retrenchment has compounded the problem of slow growth, and admires Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for his lack of con-

The notion that old-fashioned policies will work in the 1990s has a nostalgic appeal

However, the Keynesian counter-at-tack goes much further. Mr Allsopp denies the "orthodox" contention that government deficits are a problem at all, arguing that the size of the hole in government finances across Europe is caused by slow growth and high unemployment. Deficits are reacting passively to events elsewhere in the economy. The key to solving unemployment, and re-ducing the deficit, is therefore to stim-

ulate private sector investment. This view is echoed in a forthcoming book by Robin Marris, How To Save The Underclass\*. It too diagnoses the cause of the unemployment problem as slow

The notion that old-fashioned demand ement policies will work in the Europe of the 1990s has a nostalgic appeal. But the argument that government deficits are just the result of slow growth and will vanish if growth increases is flawed. The key problem is that the parts of government spending that have mushroomed have been not mainly cyclical unemployment and social security payments but mainly structural spending on pensions, health and education. These are the luxury goods of the public sector -demand for them increases faster

around won't cut unemployment than national income rises. This does not mean there is no room for debate about taking a more relaxed attitude to demans management. But it does make the "orthodox" uncomfortable with the view that budget deficits will go away if only the government spurs growth.

As for whether more government spending would cut unemployment, it does not look promising that almost all of the job creation on the Continent since 1980 has been in the public sector, yet 1980 has been in the public sector, yet unemployment remains an appallingly high 11 per cent on average. The OECD countries have, incredibly, a higher share of their population working in the public sector than the former planned proposities and far more than the inefeconomies and far more than the inefficient governments of Latin America (8 per cent versus 7 per cent and 3 per cent respectively). Would the jobless rate really be lower if public sector employment

were even more extensive?

The trouble with seeking to revive the policies dating from the 1970s is that the experience of the 1980s and 1990s has intervened. The structure of the economy has changed. The deindustrialisa-tion that followed the oil price shocks has taken place – spending on public sector jobs will not recreate the lost parts of manufacturing industry.

It is one thing to argue that the Maastricht criteria are being over-rigidly interpreted and risk perpetuating slow growth on the Continent. It is quite another to use this as cover for suggesting a return to "tax and spend" more generally. It is going to be hard for the Keynesians to storm the citadel.

\* How To Save The Underclass, by Robin Marris, to be published by Macmillan.

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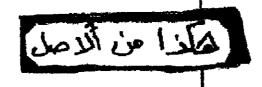
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ELEADING TRAINERS WITH KUNNERS: R Hamson — 45 winners from 388 runners gives a success ratio of 11.5% and a loss to a £1 level stake of 569.29; P Cole — 26 winners, 130 runners, 20.0%, +52.31; J Dundop — 23 winners, 193 runners, 11.5%, 583.97; J Gooden — 21 winners, 123 runners, 17.1%, +527.57.

ELEADING JOCKETS: T Quinn — 41 winners, 229 rides, 13.7%, -564.89; Pat Rd. devy — 28 winners, 193 rides, 19.7%, +53.15; J Reid — 37 winners, 202 rides, 14.1%, 542.84; W Carson — 32 winners, 215 rides, 14.9%, -554.97.

ELPHERERD FIRST TIME: Purcel (visored, 2.10), Ron's Secret (3.10), Civil Liberty, Dovelmen (3.40), Prince Zizim (visored, 4.15).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN BATS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Double Fark (2.40) & Chalm (5.20) have been sent 285 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, North Yorkshire; Dovelmen (3.40) sent 211 miles.

2.10 EYDON HALL FARM MACMILLAN NURSES NURSERY HAND-ICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2YO 7f

2.40 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES (CLASS A) BBC2

- 5 declared

FORM GUIDE

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FALIGNHAM put in a somming effort when a short-head second to Brave Act in the Solario Stakes (Group Three) over the Sandown seven last time and there's every chance that the extra furlong here will suit him well. He is by Polar Falson and the dam, Barsham, stayed 1.2 furlongs and is from the family of Blakeney and Morston. Falkenham has won on this course, which is a plus. The filly Lady Madi could be the one to find any physics in the amount. This big, scopey filly is by Pursuit Of Love out of a daughter of Mertins Cham. She was backward on her debut but has looked good on two subsequent starts, winning at Redicar before a fourth of 10 to to Catwell at Newmarket where she stayed on strongly. This trip could spark further improvement. Blace River sinkes me as the progressive one of the other three. He is doing well physically and has many winning relatives. He is coming off a brace of wire at Newmarket, latterly beging Lady Godha under 9st. 71b in a nursery. He has won over seven furlongs and a rive and the longer distance looks best for him. Hello tended to pull hard early on when fourth of seven in the Solario Stakes, while Double Park is better than she showed in France lest time, but looks to have a lot or her plate today.

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3.10 SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HAND-BBC2

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# Johnston is still not Trigger happy

reports from Doncaster

He had just seen Double Trigger return from a serious foot injury to win the Doncaster Cup with all his famous swager and resolution. Another £15,000 had been banked for his owner, and beside him his wife was shedding tears of joy and relief. It was a little surprising, then, to listen to Mark Johnston in the winners' enclosure here

yesterday and discover that he was not an entirely happy man. He was delighted by the victory, of course, but Johnston will be thoroughly satisfied only when Double Trigger receives the official recognition which the trainer - not to mention many punters - believes he richly deserves. In the ratings ladder which is supposed to determine a horse's merit, Double Trigger sits on 119, which Johnston feels is at least half a dozen rungs too low.

"It's an absolute disgrace," he said yesterday. "It's totally un-

rope in three years, and that was by Classic Cliche in the Gold Cup when he was running with three shoes. Yet he's rated as one of the worst Gold Cup winners in the last 10 years, when we all know he's one of the best in the last 30 years. He surely deserves a rating of at least 126." You would have found few to

disagree yesterday among a lown Moor crowd which had backed Double Trigger en masse. It was clear that their confidence was well founded. despite the evens favourite's three-months absence from the track, as soon as Frankie Dettori kicked for home three out and left his opponents treading water. Celeric, his only serious rival, eventually ran on to finish second, but was flattered by the two-length margin of defeat.

Given the foot problems which have troubled Double Trigger since before Ascot, it was surely one of the finest achievements of Johnston's career to return him to the track as fresh and enthusiastic as ever. "He lost fair. At two miles and above he's two shoes prior to the Gold Cup

been beaten only once in En- and then another in the race, tor is in great shape for tomorand every time more of the hoof was coming away until there was nothing to nail to any more," he said. "We just had to wait for it to grow back."

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Double Trigger's next race will probably be in the Prix du Cadran at Longchamp on Arc weekend, but that, it seems, will be as far as he travels this year. "I don't think we'll be going to the Melbourne Cup," Johnston said. "We don't have any sponsorship and I think the handicapper's been a bit severe on us."

A filly who appears to be going places is Reams Of Verse, Henry Cecil's seventh winner of the May Hill Stakes in the last 10 years. She is as short as 10-1 (Coral) for next year's 1,000 Guineas following yesterday's comfortable defeat of Dame Laura, though the third, Gretel, would have been much closer with a clear nm. It is a clear sign that autumn is drawing on that Reams Of Verse may now be "put away", though the Group One Fillies' Mile at Ascot later this month is a possibility.

row's St Leger and is confident of a bold show. "Everyone says: 'Will he stay?'. But I'm not worried about that at all. If I was a jockey I'd ride him before everything else in the race - but whether I'm a good judge or not we'll see on Saturday." Chief Contender and Pricket are out of sorts and will not be among

the opposition. The Group One Prix de la Foret at Longchamp next month is the assignment for Bishop Of Cashel, who repeated his success of 12 months ago in the Park Stakes in a manner

which suggested that a step up in class will not be beyond him. Barry Hills had boldly stated before the Sceptre Stakes that if his runner, My Branch, failed to win then a deeply personal part of his anatomy "is a kipper". Hills is not a man to make such statements lightly, and My Branch duly beat High Summer with considerable ease, a result which will have come as a considerable relief to whoever has the task of washing Barry's underwear.

DONCASTER 2.35: STORM TROOPER has failed to live up to earlier expectations but should still be too good for today's opposition. 

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3.05: BUSY FLIGHT was a Derby outsider quietly fancied by his sta-ble but trailed in 18th at Epson. Barry Hills, whose team has really hit form, still insists this colt has a bright future. A Ripon win last month was in a modest event but he can now show his real ability. 

odds on loser at York, pulling hard before trailing in third, four lengths behind the winner, Revoque. The likely winner is BAHHARE, who is already lavourite for next year's 2.000 Guineas but certain to be at an ungenerous price today.

4.16: Plenty with chances in this open sprint JUST DISSIDENT was fast out of the stalls at Carlisle last time and kept close to the rails to win what was a decent race for that track. The four-year-old is 51b higher in the handicap today but can again take advantage of the rails from his high draw.

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2:40: HFLLO ran far too freely be Tore finishing fourth in the Group Two Solario Stakes at Sandown. He has three lengths to make up on the runner-up that day, Falkesham. If Willie Ryan can settle the John Dunlop-trained colt, the partner ship should outgun these rivals.

3.10: NORTH SONG has been punished by the handicapper since winning at Royal Ascot, but this run with distinction. A high draw today could enable him to defy the course specialist Conspice Pip Payne's Ron's Secret. 

3.40: POLAR PRINCE and Russ ian Music look likely to fight out the finish here. The former's turn

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#### Bahhare to break Kelleway's dreams

RICHARD EDMONDSON

When Gay Kelleway tries to drop off at night and counts horses she never gets past one particular animal. The Whitcombe trainer has been training for only two years but she already has a colt she believes will he the best she will ever prepare. He is Musheer and his ability sends a frisson through his handler. "He's just unbelievably good," Kelleway said yesterday. "Some times I can't sleep at night thinking about him."

Musheer is so talented that he has to work with older horses and even they are stretched to

1.30 Lookout

2.00 SPILLO (nap) 2.35 Storm Trooper

3.05 Busy Flight

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DONCASTER

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low numbers best on round mile.

-211.08; W Carnon — 29 winners, 210 rides, 13.8%, -458.12.

BLINEERED FIRST TIME: Royal Action, Three Hills (2.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Nono.

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■ LEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: J Gooden -- 33 winners from 148 runners gives a success ratio of 120,3% and a profit to a \$1 level stake of \$5,56; B Hills — 27

wanters, 140 numbers, 19.7%, +547.03; H. Cecel — 25 womens, 93 numbers, 26.9%, +510.84;

R Hangon — 23 winners, 245 runners, 8.5%, \$67.08.

LEADING JOCKEYS: Par Eddery — 36 winners, 109 rides, 17.6%, +\$13.98; K Dar-

ley — :F2 wanners, 241 rades, 13.7%, +\$27.26; L Dettori — 29 wirmers, 183 rides, 15.8%,

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Musbeer (3.35) has been sent (4) miles by Miss Gay Kelle-

1.30 AMCO MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 added to stakes 2YO 1m

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3.35 Bahhare 4.10 Just Dissident

4.40 Tawkii (nb)

keep up. "Russian Music can't get near him on the gallops." Kelleway said. "I'm not in the business of overrating horses but I'd advise anyone to back him at 25-1 for next year's Guineas."

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bahhare NB: Bal Harbour (Doncaster 3.05)

Musheer, though, will have to be as good on turf as he is in Kelleway's mind when he encounters a richly gifted field in Doncaster's Champagne Stakes today. Whichever beast captures this contest is likely to be promoted to 2,000 Gumeas favouritism, but a sobering thought is that Alhaarth collected this bauble last year before turning anticlimax into an art form.

Bahhare bears the Alhaarth

Cecil reported that Dushyan-

colours of Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum and was yesterday promoted to 8-1 favouritism for the Guineas by Ladbrokes. His form is as solid as an anvil as Equal Rights, whom he beat on his debut, went on to success in a Group Three event at the Cur-ragh last month. There is no mother would be proud of, burn in the field either as the remaining runners - In Command, Reliquary and Revoque - are held in considerable es-

2.35 RJB MINING CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS B) £12,500 added 1m 2f 60yds

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BETTHUR: 11-10 Storm Trooper, 7-2 Wijers, 5-1 Prince Of My Heart, 7-1 Forest Buck, 9-1 Makies Cases, 19-1 Terta Aux Poussuss 1985: Nyadien 3 8 11 W Carson 11-8 (P Cole) 6 ran

STORM TROOPER, so impressive when waning the Felden Stakes at Newmarket in April, has failed to score again in five attempts but has a clear chance here. Caught close home by St Mawes and Chief Commender in Goodwood's Gordon Stakes and third to Annua Mitrabilis, and Safmon Ladder in a Group Three at Windsor lest time, he faces easier opposition, and

is almost certainly best at 10 intogs. Prince of My Heart was well behind Storm Trooper at Windsor and has little prospect of overturning the placings. Cecil also turn Forest Buck, winner of a Leicester menter 11 months also on his sole start but very much the stable sec-

winner of a Leicester mender 1.1 months ago on his sole stain but very much the stable sec-ond string, bladders Caistle with eachy at Leicester in March but has not been out since dis-appointing at Newbury the following month, while Tiarte Alox Pointines has shown nothing this year. That leaves Wilgiam as the filely danger to Storm Trooper, atthough Richard Han-non's four-year-old, runner-up to First Island at Doncaster and Capitain Horactus at Good-

3.05 0 & K TROY STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed race) £17,000

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KALABO almost certainly failed to say when only soft to Gray Shot in the Goodwood Cup test time and can return to warning wyse back at 12 furiouss. Third to Pertire at Royal Ascot when with Henry Cecil last year, he won in glood style on his first two starts back in this country after a spell in Dubai, beating Ray To My Heart two and a half lengths at Chester and having the stime margin to spare over Maseriasab at Newmarket the following mortin. Cecil saddles two against Katabo, Ball Harbour and Minds Music. Ball Harbour has been running well over 10 furious, Bat Harbour and Minds Music. Ball Harbour has been running well over 10 furious, they year, winning at Epsom and Kempton and finishing a length second to Carling at Deaswife last time. The return to 12 furious, will suit. Last year's St. Leger numer-up Mards Music has yet to win this year, last time going down a length and a quarter to Haron Island at Newtony after a three-month break, and he may just taok the pace to win. Desert Shot has the necessary shiftly but must be a doubtful stayer on his first attempt at 12 furious, periodically with recent hapon warmer Busy Flight Bush to set a good pace, while Anchor Clever will find probably this tool sharp. Heleakaba, a Clearer maiden winner in June, is one to lear, as afte can improve again having made Samman work hand at Salsbury (1m<1m).

3.35 (ALIRENT PERRIER CHAMPAGNE STAKES (CLASS A) (Group 2) £55,000 added 270 colts & geldings 71

teem at their respective yards. In a race which will break several dreams BAHHARE (nap 3.35) is the best option.

Henry Cecil should plunder two races with colts who are overqualified for their missions. Storm Trooper (2.35) was elevated beyond his station after success in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket on his seasonal debut but has now found company he should be able to bully. Bal Harbour (next best 3.05) finding only Carling too good in a Group Three race at Deauville last time. He is back among rascals in the Troy Stakes today.

July meeting. The Woodman helf-brother to Bahri again showed an impressive turn of foot to win a conditions race by six lengths at the same course last month. This is much suffer opposition but Bahriare should not be opposed. Reveopes improved for his Ascot win form Shil-Take (Epsom winner on Wednesday) to land York's Asomb Stakes by two and a half lengths from Symonds Inn, with odds-on in Command a length and three-quarters further back in third. Even with Benry Hillis's numers in better form now, there is no obvious reason why in Command should reverse placings. Religiously impressed in winning first time up by two lengths from China Red at Heylock last month and thrid-placed Tomba has won at Epsom since. He is well worth the try in a Group race. Massbeer, though, may be the one to give Bahhare most to do. Gay Kelleway's Known Fact colt was beaten four lengths by Erave Act on yesting ground at Ayr on her debut but left that form well behind at Assot next time, easily beating Show Partridge and Monta. Monta boosted the form by beating Shi-Take a length and half at Newbury next time, gwing Musheer the edge over Revolue. liely meeting. The Woodman half-brother to Bahri again showed an impre-

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15	030414	BARRANAK (20) (D) (M Mac Carthy) G McCourt 4 9 2
15		CHADWELL HALL (13) (D) ID H Bowing S R Bowing S 9 2
17		DARNE (27) (C) (D) (Mis Andrea M Malinson) Mrs V Accordey 5 9 1
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SOME SAVAGE should not find his middle berth a problem. While Musaon's eight-year-old is in good form, test time falling by three-quarters of a length to pag back Squire Come at Sandoun, and the winner boosted the form when delying a penalty at Saltsbury afterwards, while fourth-placed Longwick Lad has also won since. France Detron takes the ride today, under Romsden runs three, with Oabey, the mount of fleren Fallon, the pick. She came with a strong run to beat Malar a next at Thrisk last time, with filter a further length and a half back in third. Kins had beaten him three-quarters of a length at Portishack previously recent Cariste whither just Disablects fifth). But Oabey was doing all her best work at the end then and is expected to come out on top today. Parither had Insider Trader just over half a length behind in third when withing on yleiding ground at Chester lest time (Chadwell Half seventh and Bears Vestere 12th) but may straigle to comfim placings on 3to worse terms and on much faster ground. Well-handleapped Saddlehome is certainly not verthout hope.

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This is a big test for BANHARE, but he has stready shown harself to be a very smart juvenile and can consolidate his reputation today. Royal Ameretto's Chepstow win yesterday prowided yet another boost or the Newmarket mades Bathase won in such good says at the

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date 14-1; 3. Lough Eme 11-2 fax; 4. Ke-ston Pood 11-1, 19 ran, Hd, ½, (M Dods, Oarlington). Totas: £8.30; £2.10. £6.10. £1.80, £2.20. DF: £66.60. CSF: £95.86. Tucast: £517.74, Teo: £275.80, NR: Royal Mark, withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 50 in the pound. Piacepot: £1,682.90.
Piacepot: £18.20. Quadpot: £9.30.
Piace 6: £17.49. Piace 5: £9.39.

CHEPSTOW 2.10: 1. SOVIET BRIDE (A Daly) 14-1: 2. Game Ploy 13-2; 3, Another Time 12-1, 15-ran, 6-1 for Mister O'Grady , Shahd, shahd, (S Doe, Esson), Tota: £18,50; £3.50, £2.30. S DOW, ESSTIL NOSE 21607, 2500, 22500, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 2250, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 22500, 225 Universal 5-6 fev, 3. Classesive 7-1. 4 ran. 31/2, sha-hd. (W. R. Hern, Lambourn). Total

£3.00. OF: £1.90. CSP. £4.35. 3.20: 1. ROYAL AMARETTO (M Tebbutt) 100-30; 2. Bine Gobin 15-8 far, 3. Watersport 10-1, 18 rate, %, 4. (8 Meeting). lambourn). Tota: £4.20; £1.90, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £4.30. CSF: £10.48. Trio: C106.30. NRS: Bold Spring, Lights Of Home. 3.50: 1. SPEEDY CLASSIC (A Charle) 6-1; 2. Dewalth 15-2: 3. heavy's Grath Hite 20-1: 4. Than Hearding 20-1: 16 ma. 9-2 for Partity's Rice. 3. shi hd. (M. Heaton-Elis, Wroughton). Tota: 58.70: 52-20, 52.70, 54-50, 53.00. Dr. 127.80. CSP, 553.05. Impast: £851.63. The: £403.20. NRs: Four Of Sparies, lareer Do. Konton, Society Mago. 4.20: 1. COUNTOSSER (Mann Dayer) 13-

8 for; 2. Morshit Gramble 33-1; 2. Capa Pigeon 6-1, 19 mm, 1%, 1%, 1M Pice, Westig-ton). Total: 22.50; 21.50; 24.90; 22.50. DF: £50.60. CSF: £57.86. Tric: £74.00. NF: CD Super Targeting. 4.8C: 1. MALTHU MAN (7 Strake) 9-2 flat; 2. Ashkomizzy 7-1; 3. Imposing Time 11-2; 4. Al Strakti 9-1 18 rad. 2, 4. (E Wheel

100-30 g-lav. 7 ran. 11/4, 11/4. (B Hills. Lambourn). Tota: £3.70; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £3.70; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £3.90, £2.40. DF: £19.00. CSP: £35.85. Incest: £170.83. Tota: £1.60. SF. £4.00. 11/4. Landing Flynch 15-2; 2. War-14-14. J. Landing Flynch 15-2; 2. Wa Placepot: £154.20. Quadrot: £10.40. Place 8: £207.26. Place 5: £49.71.

**NEWTON ABBOT** 2.20: 1, HACKETS CROSS (A Mag.im) 5-2 fav; 2. Twice The Groom 8-1; 3. Pres-18e Lady 10-1. 15 ran, 1%, 3. (P Sccles). Total 53.30; £1.40, £2.80, £4.90. OF. £23.70, CSF; £23.78. Yan: £103.60. 2.55: 1. SUPER SHARP (G Supple) 5-2 jt-lar, 2. Formáck 10-1; 3. Soubrack Re-triever 6-1, 8 mm. 5-2 jt-lav Willie Malest. 5, 5. (H. Obser). Totac £3.00; £1.30. £2.10, £1.80, DF; £11.60, CSF: £25.15, Tricast

3.30: 1, CATS PLIN (P. Johnson) evers far;

2. Incly Doller 11-5: 3. Sinc Raven 6-1. 5 mat. 1/L, 15: () Upon 1. Toke: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50, DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.74. 4.00: 1. SOUTHERN RIDGE (Mr A Holdsworth) 12-1; 2. Caddy's Float 11-2; 3. cond Colours 6-4 fer, 12 mg, 15, 3, IR Frost). Tota: £11.10; £2.10, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £29.70. CSF: £73,44. Tric: £16.40. 4.30: 1. HERBERT BUCHANAN (A P Mc-Cont 15-8 for; 2. Time Snough 11-2: 3. Clear

idea 13-2.6 mm. 1%, ½ (P Nicholis). Total: 12.40; £1.30, £3.60. Tef: £8.70. CSF: £11.95. NR: Maggots Green. 5.00: 1. ACROW LINE (D.) Buschell 8-1; 2. Blacket Hero 7-2, 3. Georgant Girl 2-1 fev. 8 ma. 1+, 11, (D Burchell), Total 512-60: 52-80, £1.10, £1.50, DF: £23.50. CST: 235.55. Times: £72.45. Placepot: £0.20. Quedpot: £3.50. Place 6: £11.56. Place 5: £5.24.

Laura Shally hopes to have her first runner tomorrow since the death of the jockey Richard Davis on her horse Mr Sox at Southwell in July. Shally has entered Miss Nonnie - a sister to Mr Sox - in the National Hunt Flat Race at Worcester.

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PANATA is out of a sister to that good mile: Mirror Black. She a typically progressive if Curriani three-year-old. Following a June maiden win at Yarmouth, she won only a	Ή
numer handscap at Cheustow (making all) before completing the hat-trick with a de	cent
effort over today's course and distance, Rou's Secret is 81b better in for three all quarter lengths, but Panata stuck on strongly and there's more to come from her. Key	VOC.
remains handicapped with a chance after his Notinigham with lest month and Guy wood, in his final season, would be chuffed to win a handicap with him here. Sayeb w	
a special bridle because he tends to take a strong rug and is hard to fancy here. No Song has put in a series of good efforts since landing the Britaning Stakes but need	orth
be spot-on to defy another 2th use in the weights after his York second to Concer	Un.
Conspicuous is a dual course and distance winner (won this race last year) and he set as good as ever, while Royal Result (who had a confidence-boosting win in a Thirsk In	
en lest time) is preferred to Czerne and the tricky ride Night Wink.  Selection: PAN	ATA
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SELVER PREY showed a felt bit of promise in two starts lest year and was sent to O for the winter. The credential of his running-on third to Alhaarth at Newmarket first t	
up still has a solid look (Merk Of Esteem second) and Silver Prey afterwards won a	22-
numer Newbury maiden in which Poler Prince was fifth. Poler Prince has won two v able handicaps this season and gives Saver Prey 7th in this. The consistent Resistent No.	rsic
has, apparently, been working with the highly regarded two-year-old Musheer (3.35 f) caster, so that link could be a pointer if Musheer shines, while Lonety Leader with	an a
Chepstow maiden in June before finding further improvement when a respectable and a quarter lengths edult of Wigard King in a minor event at Salsbury. Civil Liberty	
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CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Italians make football look a foreign language to Ferguson's men. Glenn Moore reports

# Back to the blackboard for United

It seems it is no longer just the children who go back to school every September Footballers, too, resume their education each autumn, in European studies. "We will learn from that,"

Alex Ferguson said of Man-chester United's Champions' League defeat by Juventus on Wednesday. Now where have we heard that before?

The problem, it seems, is that the syllabus is changing each year. No sooner do we absorb the lessons of last season than there are new ones to deal

Juventus, on Wednesday. showed the blend of British and European qualities which our sides have been aspiring to achieve for years. They were physically powerful and technically adept. They were capable of playing just as quickly as Premiership teams but possessed an ability to slow the tempo that is largely absent from these shores.

If that were not enough, the back four was as well drilled as George Graham's Arsenal and their forward movement was worth recording on video for use in coaching seminars. It was certainly more fluid, inventive and sharp than United's defenders usually experience.

Even the short cut of using foreign players does not appear to have helped our develop-ment, Manchester United and Rangers each had seven overseas players in their 16-man squads on Wednesday, yet both were not so much beaten as dis-

In Turin, the swaggering champions of the English Premiership started so nervously they barely got the ball out of their own half until they were behind. According to reports, Rangers were no better in Zurich, and that against much

By the end, both clubs were reduced to seeking consolation in the failings of others. The stalemate between Rapid Vienna and Fenerbahçe gives Manchester United hope that they may still qualify for the quarterfinals of the Champions' League Rangers were equally relieved that Ajax won in Auxerre. Should the Scottish champions win their home games against Auxerre and Grasshopper - and do no worse against Ajax - they.

too, could qualify. What humiliations might then await does not bear thinking about - though there was a further bonus for United in Porto's win over Milan. The run-



Seat of learning: There were plenty of new lessons for the Manchester United bench in Turin on Wednesday

ners-up in United's group play the winner of Milan's. Porto will not be easy opponents but, that result notwithstanding, they are not Milan.

First United have to qualify. There is hope in the news that Roy Keane is back in training. His drive was badly missed. But what is to be done about the attack? United managed two shots in 90 minutes on Wednesday, a tame, wide effort from 25 yards by Ryan Giggs in the first

minute, and a volley well over the bar by Brian McClair around the hour - this from a team who score from their own half in the Premiership.

Jordi Cruyff and Karel Poborsky contributed little on the flanks, in defence or attack. but the most obvious problem was the lack of a leader of the line. Eric Cantona was clearly uncomfortable in that role. Cantona's best work is usually done through prompting from mid-

field, or arriving late in the box. When played at centre-forward, he is too easily marked and his creativity is emasculated.

Nor is he a holder of the ball; he prefers the quick flick-on. Without a Mark Hughes-figure to hold the ball up, the defence was placed under intolerable pressure. Andy Cole, even when fit, does not appear the part and neither, yet, does Ole Solksjaer. Maybe Ferguson - who pursued

Boksic in the summer - will be forced into the market again, though any signing cannot now play in Europe until after Christmas

If Ferguson does buy, he is likely to go continental again. It will not have escaped the watching Glenn Hoddle's notice that Juventus used 10 Italians on Wedneday, whereas United used five Englishmen (of whom only Gary Pallister emerged with credit).

a substitute each time he came near the ball. Since he had barely managed a tackle, let alone a foul, it could only be racism. Such collective, systematic racist abuse has virtu-

Photograph: Ross Kinnaird/Allsport There was one aspect of the night in which the Italians were found wanting. A noticeable section of the home support booed Cole after he came on as

ally disappeared from English grounds but is a growing prob-

#### session called off by RFU **Rugby Union**

**England** 

DAVID LLEWELLYN and TERRY O'CONNOR

The Rugby Football Union yesterday scored a tactical victory by postponing next Wednesday's England training session - thus avoiding confrontation over a possible second boycott - to give players time to consider an increased pay offer which could see them earn £70,000 a season.

However, another problem is looning, with leading referees, many of whom are reported to be unhappy with their arrange-ments with Twickenham, having been approached on an individual basis by the English Pro-fessional Rugby Union Clubs about going along with the clubs' impending breakaway from the RFU.

An Epruc official yesterday confirmed that there had been informal talks with referees and one of the topics was that of full-time professionalism.

"They [Epruc] are seriously talking about a breakaway of players," said a leading referee, who is presently paid £200 per match, "and they seem to think it will happen, so obviously the next in line is us, the referees. They need us to manage the games, so we are clearly going to be dragged into this whole thing. I know they have money available for referees." Whether they would turn professional with Epruc or the RFU, he

would not say.

The RFU's new pay offer to England players compares with the £36,000 the ever-presents collected last season in the first year of professional rugby union. The offer - which will double the income of all but the highest earners - comes just over a week after the players' boycott, when more than 40 of them refused to attend a squad session at Bisham Abbey.

They have a scheduled meeting with their own clubs today and this time the players can ask if Epruc is demanding they reject a fortune from Twickenham.

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Donald Kerr, the chairman of Epruc, said: "The initial reaction among the squad will be one of disappointment. They believed that they would receive £60,000 plus £5,000 per match - a total of £84,000. But the Epruc issue is not about money. rugby in a professional age."

However, the Wasps flanker Lawrence Dallaglio, one of the

Teignmouth FC are bottom of

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#### **ARGENTINA**

Even by the stan-dards of his colourful career, last week was an exceptional one for José Luis Chilavert, goalkeeper for the Argentine club, Velez Sarsfield, and the Paraguayan national team. Chilavert began the week by

scoring the 32nd goal of his career with a long-distance free-kick to earn his country a 1-1 draw in a World Cup qualifier in Argentina. He ended it by defying a 13-month ban imposed by a Buenos Aires court (along with a threemonth suspended jail sentence) for punching a stadium steward on the head in a match between Ginmasia la Plata and Velez in April 1994.

Chilavert, a national hero in his home country, is an extrovert character who wears a bull-Lewis lines up McCall

Britain's Lennox Lewis, thwart-

ed in his attempts to fight Mike

Tyson for at least a year, is be-

ing forced to pursue another

Not even the World Boxing

Council's imminent decision to

strip Tyson of its title seems like-

ly to lead to a match-up. That

would enable Lewis to fight his

only conqueror. Oliver McCall.

for the vacant WBC title when

purse offers are opened on 24

September. The bout is set for

1 or 22 November, possibly at

The biggest thing for us is

the London Arena.

route to a heavyweight title.

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opponents in the press - and has declared an ambition to become president of Paraguay. He has scored 28 goals from the penalty spot and four from free-kicks, including one in a club game from inside his own half past River Plate's German Burgos, the keeper he beat last week's World Cup tie. ner he heal m

After Chilavert was banned. his lawyers launched an appeal so that he can carry on playing for club and country while dog motif on his jerseys, abuses Fifa is investigating the case -

for Tyson to be stripped of the WBC title. That would give us

a greater position of strength,

Lewis's manager, Frank Maloney, said yesterday.

Lewis, who, lost his WBC

crown to McCail in September

1994, said: "Tyson is obviously the major fight for me. It's the

one the whole world wants.

That is my agenda. But I've def-

initely got to fight McCall to get that WBC belt back."

Lewis's American promoter,

Dino Duva, added: "The purse

hids will decide the Lewis-Mc-

Call fight. Then we can deter-

mine the date and venue. We

want to put it where Lennox wants it."

it is unhappy that it has been dealt with by law courts rather than sporting authorities. Chilavert claims that he is

being victimised by the press and the authorities because of his nationality. "It bothers a lot of people that I am the best," he said. "But they're the sort who think that Paraguayans should be on a building site or. cleaning people's homes."

Atletico Madrid had to returf the Vicente Calderon stadium because of an invasion of worms - now Barcelona have been struck down by the Si plague. Last night's Cup-Winners Cup tie against AEK Larnaca had to be switched, just a few hours before kickoff, to Montiue Olympic stadium. Heavy rain had caused

fears of a postponement at Nou Camp, where the pitch cut up badly during last Seturday's "derby" against Espanyol

Germany's 2-0 friendly win in Poland last week, their first game since winning the European Championship was overshadowed by off-thefield events. The German foreign minister had to apologise for the conduct of some visiting "fans" in Zabize after a gang of ski heads gave Nazi salutes during the German anthem and chanted: "We invaded Poland again" and "We Five Germans were this week fined and given probation orders for various offences, including burning Polish flags.

Rupert Metcalf

#### **Cup dispute erupts** clubs with the best recent record

Non-League notebook RUPERT METCALF

Stevenage Borough, the GM Vauxhall Conference champions, and 13 fellow members of their league enter the FA Cup this weekend at the first qualifying round stage - which, according to the Conference, is a travesty

Although the Nationwide League Third and Fourth Division clubs do not enter the Cup until the first round proper in November, over half the clubs from the Conference will have to play at least four Only four non-League clubs are exempt from qualifying for the first round: Macclesfield and Northwich, last season's Trophy finalists, and Woking and Enfield, the two non-League

in the Cup. Twenty non-League teams are exempt until the fourth qualifying round – but that list includes such relatively lowly teams as Colwyn Bay, Ashford and Spermymoor and excludes the likes of Yeovil Town and Boston United as well as the 14 Conference clubs.

The Conference wants the exemption rules altered. Bill King, its chairman, said this week; "We have reached the stage where the FA Cup has simply lost touch with the structure of senior football. Supporters keep asking us why the likes of such an early stage of the competition. There is no logic to the existing exemption rules. King points out that it is im-possible to schedule midweek

league fixtures because of cup other little-and-large ties.

county cap with three wickets:

Darren Gough also took three.

ionship century of the season en-abled Gloucestershire to

recover from 37 for 4 to 326 for

9 against Worcestershire at New

Road. Monte Lynch made 70

and Tom Moody took 5 for 66.

Piran Holloway's 109 helped Somerset to 289 for 5 against

Middlesex at Uxbridge while Ja-

son Gallian's third century of

the season took Lancashire to

337 for 8 at Northampton after Steve Titchard had fallen to the

second ball of the match, caught

behind by Toby Bailey, making his first-class debut.

Mark Alleyne's first Champ-

ings become unbalanced because teams in the Cup from the early stages have played several games less than their exempt rivals by the end of October. Also, cup commitments can mean clubs going several weeks without a home game. However, the FA is happy with the exemption rules as they

stand. Its spokesman, Steve Double, points out that exemptions are based on past performances in the Cup. "Having little clubs playing bigger teams is part of the romance and tradition of the Cup even at this Stevenage are away to Arle-

sey tomorrow at Hitchin Town's ground, while Southport visit Rossendale United and Kettering travel to Rocester in two

Felt: 1-5, 2-11, 3-13, 4-37, 5-119, 6-189, 7-237, 8-326, 9-326.

Bowling: Sheriyer 13-1-52-2; Moody 33.5-15-66-5; Lamput 21-4-79-0; Leatherdale 12-3-47-1; Ringworth 19-6-52-0; Solanki 12-7-23-1

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Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

SCARBOROUGH Yorkshire (4gts) are 24 runs behind Rottinghamshire (0) with eight first-lonings wickets standing.

Fall: 1-43, 2-43, 3-53, 4-76, 5-82, 6-115, 7-150, 8-154, 9-187.

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R P Davis at Rhodes b Solonia
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candidates for the England captaincy, seemed perfectly happy with the offer. "We did not know what to expect, just that we wanted more [money] than last year," he said. "But people will play for England regardless of what they are paid." Unlike the rest of rugby, the Barbarians have refused to succumb in the new professional age

and are retaining the amateur principles of no payment for playing. "None of the players invited to date have asked for payment and I hope this will continue," said Micky Steele-Bodger, the club's president and a former England player.

#### TODAY'S **NUMBER**

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the Devon County League with minus three points. Having lost all seven games to date, they have had three points deducted for playing two unregistered players under false names in a match last week.

SURREY: D J Sichnell, M A Buscher, TA J Shrwart, G P Thomps, Nedoem Shehid, A J Hollicelle, C C Lewie, B P Julian, J E Beryamin, M P Eichnell, R M Pearson.

Ward c and b Maru ...... Hooper c Maru b Moscar Fall: 1-37, 2-50, 3-187, 4-249. To both M V Renning, "1S A Marsh. D W Hondley, M J McCague, M M Page.
Bowling: Mesceretrius 23-4-94-2; Renshaw 18-3-78-0; Boxel 20-7-73-0; Stephenson 27-6-79-1; Maru 12-3-29-1; Whitaker 4-1-21Middlesex v Somerset UXBRIDGE: Somerset (2pts) are 259 for

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M E Trescothick Brown b Tutnel
P C L Hollowsy not out
R J Harden c Brown b Hewitt
S A Brasons c Dutch b Johnson
S Lee b Dutch
A C Cottam not out Fell: 1-26, 2-42, 3-77, 4-207, 5-283.
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Bowling: Street, 20-8-54-3; Olondo 17-3-57-2; G Writtell 12-1-43-0; Strang 34-3-3-106-5; A Whatall 13-3-40-0; Evens 6-0-27-0; G Flower 4.1.16.0.

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Umpires: S Buckmor (WR) and B C Cookey (SL).

**Bowman** aims for First day of four. Today: 10.30 18th title

Equestrianism **GENEVIEVE MURPHY** 

George Bowman will be aiming to win the national title for the 18th time when he competes with his team of four norses in the National Carriage Driving Championships, which begin today in Windsor Great

Twelve days ago, the 61-year-old Cumbrian won his second successive individual silver medal at the World Championships in Belgium.

Bowman was also on the bronze medal team with Karen Bassett and her sister, Pippa Thomas, the only two women to take part in the event. "It was very nice to be on the team with them. I think all the others were icalous of me," he said. Bassett will be defending

the national title she won last year after Bowman was forced to retire on the marathon section because of problems in one of the hazards. Georgina Frith will also be aiming to repeat last year's success with her team of ponies. Meanwhile, every effort is

being made to raise the profile of the Horse of the Year Show. which takes place at Wembley Arena from 2 to 6 October. The Cadre Noir, the French national school of equitation, will provide their impressive displays of classical riding on the last three days of the meeting.

boost to the show jumping There will also be much needed improvements to the infrastructure of the event, including a new computerised scoreboard.

It is hoped that this will give a

The show, which lost £240,000 in 1994 and costs £1.2m to stage, has shown encouraging signs of regaining its popularity. Ticket sales are up by 89 per cent compared with this time last year, and sponsorship has increased by 50 per cent.

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CRICKET SCOREBOARD Llong keeps Kent in touch celebrated the award of his

Nigel Llong scored his second Championship century of the season at Canterbury where Kent kept their outside title hopes alive against Hampshire. Llong (105no) was supported by Carl Hooper (34) and Trevor Ward (79), who put on 137 for the third wicket, as well

as Mark Ealham (5400) with whom Llong shared an unbeaten stand of 127 for the fifth wicket as Kent closed on 376 for 4. Yorkshire bowled Nottinghamshire out for 187 at Scarborough and reached 163 for 2

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# Faldo falls Out of step with swing

IDREW FARRELL ports from Nom-la-Bretêche

Nick Paldo's luggage when he ossed the Atlantic was his deo camera. It is unlikely to we been utilised for capturing e glories of the Château de ersailles and its gardens for ewing during those long win-r evenings in Florida. The setng for this video nasty is the actice range here.

"I may only be a pause butn away from a good swing." ildo said on Wednesday. Peraps he left it on. A three-overir 73 left him eight adrift of mie Spence after round one the Lancome Trophy. Spence as become more focused since orking with a martial arts spealist, Chris Linstead, but Falplay a recovery shot at the 7th backhanded before he ok a double-bogey at the par-

"Send my apologies," was the ressage relayed to the press iom as Faldo headed back to ie practice ground. "I was ocking everything." Ian Woos-ım, too, had other places to be ter finishing his round of 67. stiff neck and back spasm cant he ended the day flat on is stomach on the physio's ench. He was able to take some redication after nine holes ad four birdies coming home ft him only one behind the reiorseless Colin Montgomerie.

The marathon that is the Orer of Merit race is a test of stauna and Montgomerie, the No for the last three years, is also eling the effects. "I am tired at ne moment, mentally more nan physically." Monty said. But this is keeping me going. I

don't want to give up the No 1 spot. Woosie is still my biggest threat and he's playing well himself. At this stage every shot is vital and every pound is vital."

It was a missed tap-in at his 13th hole that set up a finish of three birdies in the last five. "I was annoyed," he said. "You cannot afford to throw away shots against a quality field like this. You have to wake up and get on with it." Monty's 66 put him in second with Stuart Cage and Andrew Coltart, two young Britons who could be pushing for Ryder Cup honours next year, and Jesper Parnevik.

A fifth place finish at the Championship prompted a good month on the US tour for the Swede but, as he is not a member of the European tour, Parnevik is not eligible for Ryder Cup points. His only hope is a wild card selection, which means the big stars have to qualify first. Bemhard Langer may have taken a step towards ensuring that by making the inevitable switch to the broomhandled putter for the first time in competition.

The result, despite wayward driving, was five birdies in a front nine of 30 and he finished on 67. The other one was not working," Langer said. "I practised with this one since Monday and I am happy with it today. As long as it works reasonably it will stay in the bag. It still feels awkward, but I'll use anything that gets the ball in the hole.

John Hawksworth, who has won his European card twice and lost it in the same year each time, qualified for the Tour School for the ninth time in 11 years at Manchester yesterday. He shot a final-round 70 to finish 12 under par, one behind overnight leader Sebastien Delagrange, who closed with a 71.



Making a splash: Laura Davies escapes from a bunker beside the first green in the opening round of the women's English Open at The Oxfordshire yesterday. She finished with a 72, five shots behind the leader, Sweden's Helen Alfredsson, who heads Davies in the race to be Photograph: David Ashdown

#### Sapsford leads way to the best of British

Tennis

Britain had its most successful day on clay for 16 years when both Greg Rusedski and Danny Sansford reached the quarterfinals of the Bournemouth International Open at the West Hants Club yesterday.

himself fortunate to receive a wild card for the event, reached the first ATP Tour quarter-final of his career when he beat the

seventh seed, Juan Albert Viloca, of Spain, 7-5, 7-5, in the first match on the Centre Court. Then Rusedski, the sixth

seed, overcame an uncertain start to defeat the Argentinian left-hander Daniel Orsanic 6-4. 6-4 in 72 minutes. Their joint appearance in

the last eight was the best Sapsford, who considered British performance on clay since Ionathan Smith Robin Drysdale and Mark Cox all reached the last eight, also at Bournemouth, in 1980.

Sapsford, ranked 181, had to grind out his win against Viloca, an out-and-out baseline player ranked 81. Sapsford said: "I kept thinking I would like to go in and volley, but it is difficult

good ground strokes. "But it's great for me because I was not expecting a wild card. I'm 27 and I thought my age was against me. I thought the wild cards would go to youngsters." Rusedski won his battle with Orsanic after going 3-0 down in the first set. Orsanic broke Rusedski in the second game, but that was his only success. As the match wore on Rused-

ski, who broke back in the fifth game, served better and better. when your opponent hits such He broke Orsanic again in the ninth game before serving out for the set. Games went with service until the ninth of the second set before Rusedski broke through and then held his own serve for victory.

"I was trying to end points too quickly in the first three games,"

Cup world group when injury forced the break-up of their

specialist doubles pairing of Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde. Woodbridge has withdrawn from the world group qualifying tie against Croatia in Split next week to undergo minor surgery.

Rusedski said. "But then I

found my rhythm and, perhaps

more importantly, I took more

time before I went into the net."

Australia suffered a blow in

their attempt to rejoin the Davis

#### **Griffiths** fears for future of the game

**Rugby League** DAVE HADFIELD

The code in Wales could have "reached the end of the road" if South Wales lose their financial backer as a result of their rejection by Super League.

The club was told this week that it will not be allowed to play in the clite competition next season but will instead be invited to play in the First Division.

Their coach, Clive Griffiths, also the coach of the Welsh national side, fears that the anonymous benefactor who has put up £1m to finance them in Super League will now pull out.

"We have yet to talk to him to find out whether that is his position, but I fear that it will be," Griffiths said. "We aren't giving in. We will fight to the fin-ish, but the game in Wales could have reached the end of the road."

Paul Newlove has been ruled out of Great Britain's tour to Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand which leaves next week and is replaced by Daryl Powell, the 31-year-old captain of Keighley Cougars. Newlove tore a hamstring in the Premiership final on Sunday.

The better news for the Test coach, Phil Larder, is that Chris Joynt is recovering well from an exploratory knee operation and will be able to travel with the rest of the party next Friday.

Larder's New Zealand counterpart, Frank Endacott, has included the former Leeds centre Craig Innes in his plans for the Test series. That is despite the former All Black being under contract to the Australian Rugby League, rather than to Super League, under whose auspices New Zealand and Great Britain will play their Test series.

 Innes is also the subject of court action by Leeds after his walk out in mid-contract earlier this year.

#### Şri Lanka take command

lanka had Zimhahwe sini ing to save the follow-on by the fifth-wicket stand of 58 before ose of the second day of the st Test in Colombo yesterday. After Sri Lanka were disissed before lunch for 349, .eir left-arm fast bowler Chainda Vaas took three Zimthwe wickets for 31 in an !-over spell as the visitors ipped to 105 for 6.

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#### ther sports

The only resistance came from Guy Whittall and Craig Jayantha Silva trapped Whittall lbw for 39. Wishart was unbeaten on 31 at the close.

Earlier, Sri Lanka added 59 to their overnight score of 290 for 7, with Kumara Dharmasena and Vaas putting on 74 in an eighth-wicket partnership before the leg-spinner Paul Strang bowled Vaas for 34.

The head of the Sri Lankan cricket board, Upali Dharmadasa, resigned yesterday after taking the blame for an embarrassing mix-up at last week's Singer World Series final, which resulted in the Sri Lankan sports minister, Sumanaweera Dissanayake, being slighted.

#### FOOTBALL RESULTS

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#### Scotland edge out England

Despite a strong showing on the last leg, the two-boat England team in the Teacher's Round Britain challenge had to settle for third place overall yesterday, a galling quarter of a point bebind Scotland, writes Stuart <u>Álexander</u>

Neither team could threaten the French, who led throughout the 2,100-mile event which started nearly four weeks ago.

The testing 450-mile final dash from Newcastle upon Tyne to Cowes, much of it sailed in strong winds, was won by Jean-Philippe Salion, with England's Craig Nutter second and Mark Turner third. Dominic Bourgeois, the second French skipper, was fourth and that gave his

team victory by 9.5 points. Turner said it had been some of the hardest offshore racing he had done, and the tension over the final 24 hours had been intense

The fleet of 10 Sunsail 36conters, completed by two repsentatives each from Ireland and Wales, all reached Cowes

#### SPORTING DIGEST Badminton

The British Grand Starn circuit suffered a setback before it began when Joanne Muggendge, the women's singles title holder and top seed, pulled out of the day in Penth. Muggendge has a thigh nury and her place Ingram, which should give Emma Chaf-fin, one of England's young training squad players, the chance of an unex-

The season appears to be over for Brett Butler, the Los Angeles Dodgers out-fielder who suffered a fractured left hand on Monday night less than a week after his remarkable return from cancer surgery. The 39-year-old Butler is ex-pected to miss three to four weeks after he was struck on the hand by a pitch he was struck on the hand by a pitch from Cincinnati's Glovanni Carrara in Monday's 5-4 win over the Reds.

The New York Yankees and the Baltimore Orioles won on Wednesday, keeping the Yankees' lead at 2½, games in the American League East division. An error by the Detroit left fielder Ruben Sierra's allowed two runs to score in the seventh inning as New York defeated Detroit 7-3.

Detroit 7-3.

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Shane Warne and Mark Taylor, the cap-tain, may be forced to pull out of Aus-tralia's tour of India starting next month due to injury, despite being named in a 14-man squad yesterday. The pair, recent tour to Sri Lanka and have yet to prove their fitness. Australia will play one lest against India in New Delhi from 10-14 October and will join India and South Alinca in a limited-overs series. Austrania South Alinca in a limited-overs series. Austrania South Asiaco in a limited-overs series. Austrania Sauth Resear, Dir Flanka, J. M. Saers, B. Haring, J. M. Gaespie, B. B. Houg, S. G. Law, G. D. McGrath, R. Favine, P. R. Beath, M. J. Saers, S. W. Warre, M.

Fabio Baldato captured the sorth stage of the Tour of Spain and the leader's yellow jersey yesterday, timing his move superby to emerge from the pack in a sprint finish. The Italian started the day three seconds behind the previous race leader, Laurent Jalabert, but whittled the gap down to one second

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#### Football

The Tottenham striker Gerard McMahon has been given a two-week trial with Italian Serie A club Udinese. The 22-yearold Northern Ireland international, who on northern reach on internations, who has also had a trial with the German side Sturtgart, has been urged to seak regular first team football by the North-Preston have signed the Middlesbrough striker Chris Freestone on loan after Steve Wilkinson was ruled out for six weeks after undergoing surgery on his

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Datas Burn 2 San Jose Cash 2 (Dates won shoot-out 3-1) WEDNESDAY'S LATE REBULTS: European Champions' League Group A: Auseire O Ajas: 1; Greshopper Zuich 3 Rangers O, Broup Bit Arletno Madmit 4 Steau Burhayest O; Bonusse

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#### Rugby Union

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Squash

Suzarne Horner, the World No 3, will lead England in the Perrier Women's World Championships in Malaysia, from 14 to 19 October, 14 years after representing her country for the first time. The 33-year-old national champion from Wakefield will be joined by fellow world top 10 players Cassie Jackman, from Norwich, Sue Wright, of Kent, and Jane Martin, of Newcastle, who is making her World Championship debut.

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicestershire make short work of Durham as nearest rivals for the title all suffer a frustrating day

# Simmons tightens the leaders' grip

HENRY BLOFELD

reports from Chester-le-Street Durham 126 Leicestershire 253-5

It may seem uncharitable to describe a first-class county as cannon fodder, yet it is hard to think of a more ant description for Durham at the moment. For ance to Leicestershire, who

picked up their fourth bowling point in the sixth over of the afternoon and by the close had added two more for batting.

Leicestershire will have come to Riverside hoping for, if not expecting, 24 points from this game. But some callous batting on an awkward pitch cost them wickets in the evening, which may still mean that they will have to settle for less than four batting points. Weather permitting, they will surely go on

At the moment, Durham are rudderless and all the fight seems to have gone out of them. It would be hard to imagine a much more awful piece of cricket than that in the three overs after lunch, when Phil Simns, who finished with careerbest figures of 6 for 14, took four

wickets in 12 balls. He bowled the first over of the afternoon and his first ball to Stuart Hutton, who had batted through the morning for 30, was short and outside the off

bat at it and gave the easiest of

Simmons' next five balls and the following over by Adrian Pierson were defended successfully and then Simmons started another over to Mike Roseberry. He came forward to the first ball but played no stroke and was leg before. Three balls later Melvyn Betts played forward with his bat away from his body and was

stump. Without any serious caught behind. Two balls after which has strengthened their footwork, Hutton waved his that, Alan Walker departed in position at the top of the table.

At no more than medium pace. Simmons is accurate and finds movement off the seam but he was never unplayable as these figures would suggest, even allowing for a helpful pitch.

No one has worked harder for or contributed more to Leicestershire's success this year than Simmons. It was appropriate that he should have been such an influence on a day

He is the most likeable and whole-hearted of cricketers and has, in all respects, been an exemplary overseas player.

The ignominy of Durham's collapse from 93 for 2 to 126 all out was highlighted by the hectic start they were given by Sherwin Campbell. He hooked Alan Mullallay for four and six in the day's first over and made 35 before cutting at David Millus and being caught behind.

to bowl, for a long time nothing much changed. After a watchful start, Leicestershire began to score much as they pleased against some fairly ordinary bowling. The 50 came up in the 13th over and, although Vince Wells was bowled driving at Walker when the score was 62, Darren Maddy and Ben Smith added 147 in 19 overs before careless strokes

cost Leicestershire late wickets

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#### Cork's injury hurts o **Derby**

JON CULLEY

reports from Derby Derbyshire 242 Warwickshire 131-5

This was not the best of day Derbyshire, who missed points in their pursuit of a first championship for 60 years and then lost the services of Dominic Cork, probably for the remainder of the season.

Cork made a breezy 29, valuable runs in the circumstances. and in full flow clattered three fours in one over from Dou Brown, giving the impres that the blow on the shoulder he had suffered fac his second ball, from Brey was of little consequence. After he was out, however, he

found himself in increasing discomfort and although he took the field when Warwickshire batted he had to withdraw without bowling. A visit to hospital revealed a fracture in the upper part of the humerus. Cork will take no further part in this match and it would be optimistic to suggest he might recover to face Durham next Thursday.

This was a particularly unfortunate blow for Derbyshire, who had gone into the match with only four front-line bowlers, having had to rule out Kevin Dean because of a cracked and dislocated finger. In Cork's absence. Derbyshire were hauled back into the match by Philip DeFreitas, who bowledwith great conviction in the evening to claim four wickets as the outgoing champions saw a strong position turn rapidly into a much weaker one.

Happy as they were with the prospect of a first-innings lead, it was a matter of regret for Dean Jones' side that they had garnered only a single batter a point. Perhaps the greenish wicket was part of some gamble by Jones. If it was, it backfired when Warwickshire won the toss and chose to bowl.

From the moment the first Barnett in Graeme Welch's initial over, Derbyshire were unable to make much headway before another wicket tripped

Derbyshire were indebted to Chris Adams, who out-shone is colleagues to the extent that seventh century of the seas looked well within his scope untia Gladstone Small inswinger undid him on 80. Karl Krikken received the unexpected support of Devon Malcolm in adding 39 for the last wicket, but their quest to snatch a second batting point failed.

Warwickshire seemed in control as Nick Knight and Andy Moles put on 79 for the first wicket. The balance tilted as De-Freitas took 4 for 22 in seven overs, but Derbyshire's mood

## Wells takes advantage of **Essex lapses**

**DEREK PRINGLE** 

reports from Chelmsford Sussex 361-8 v Essex

Exprcising the recent past has been something of an Essex spe-ciality, but despite the tonic of their returning Australian, Stuart Law, the spectre of last Saturday's NatWest nightmare still lingers. Sussex and their captain, Alan Wells, took full advantage, the visiting captain compiling a fluent 122.

It was only Wells' second century of the season, the first coming over three months ago on 6 June against lowly Durham. Consistently Sussex's best bats-

of indulgenc runs) probably why the visitors way, and their last four games.

Essex know rely on an opponent's generosity at this stage of the season. although no one would have guessed by the way they bowled

seventh Championship title. Perhaps they expected the visitors, who won the toss, to go belly up here. If so, they should have bowled with a little more urgency, particularly early on, when the pitch offered a helping hand to those prepared to bowl an awkward off stump line.

Later, despite a veneer of cloud cover, that generosity had dwindled, a point Ian Salisbury amplified with a freely stroked 69. One lofted shot for six off Peter Such over mid-wicket lost the ball. That no doubt offered some satisfaction to Salisbury. who finds himself without a tour to go on this winter.

The loss of Neil Williams, still indisposed after pulling up lame last Ŝaturday, did not help the Essex cause either. Williams has, according to many here, bowled better than anyone over the last month. Although his new-ball replacement, Ashley Cowan struck quickly to send back Bill Athey for six, both he and Mark Ilott allowed late season niggles to get to them. Neil Lenham pounced upon that weakness in making an assured

55 as runs came quickly.
Only the introduction of Peter Such stemmed the early flow as Lenham and Keith Greenfield succumbed to the off-spinner's numbing accuracy. Wells was not as easily en-

man over the last decade, his lack tranced or enticed as Such's Championship top five and remaining flatures who holed out

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wicketkeeper and slip. Having held a good catch at slip to get rid of Peter Moores, Graham Gooch dropped another before that they had pretensions to a spilling Wells, on 117, off Such at short mid-wicket.

The latter was not an expensive miss, but Gooch can be such a cussed character that he is far more likely to retire because of clanged catches than any batting infirmity. However, according to Keith Fletcher, Essex's cricket consultant, he has been in fine fettle in both departments and plans to contin-

ue for yet another season. It is during Gooch's quarter of a century at the club that the Essex character, that of part magician, part scrapper, evolved. They urgently need those powers if they are to stay in this Championship race.

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



#### Dale deals with erratic Surrey attack

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Glamorgan 351-9 v Surrey

Everyone has the occasional bad day at the office. Yesterday it was Surrey's turn, only in their case it was a bad day in the field. If they were not taking (and breaking) wickets with no balls, then they were breaking their bowlers' hearts by uncharacteristic fielding errors and wild throws which resulted in a couple of fives to the grateful Glamorgan batsmen.

Croft - the portents were not

the second-placed side when the The signing for two years of Surrey could bowl at them. wicketkeeper, Graham Kersey, Waqar Younis, the Pakistan Maynard had already scored wicketkeeper, Graham Kersey, pulled out with a fractured right thumb, leaving Alec Stewart to don the gloves. The Surrey captain then had the misfortune to lose the toss on an unhelpful wicket. With just one recognised spinner, Richard Pearson, compared with Glamorgan's two - Dean Cosker and England's Robert

Mind you, it was not all plain sailing for Glamorgan either. News leaked out of a little local difficulty concerning their

Stig Inge Bjornebye, making his

fast bowler, means there is no place for the Barbadian allrounder in the future. Gibson took the future to mean now and was left out of the side, because of what was diplomatically described by Glamorgan as a

lack of commitment.

The early departures of Steve James and Hugh Morris must have set hearts fluttering and raised hopes in Surrey breasts; both sentiments, however, proved wide of the mark as first Matthew Maynard and then Adrian Dale dealt com-

Maynard had aiready scored four Championship hundreds and must have kicked himself when he clubbed a Joey Benjamin delivery straight at Pearson when 18 runs away from a

Dale took up the cudgels and, as the Surrey attack wilted in the long afternoon, hit his way to within sight of three figures. However, after more than three hours, he suddenly played across a straight ball from Pearson and was bowled.

The new man Cosker was bowled in the next over, his leg

but such was Surrey's luck that although the delivery broke the stump and a substitute had to be found, Cosker survived, because the delivery was deemed a no ball. Martin Bicknell, too, had little to cheer. He was twice warned for running on to the wicket - once at each end; a third transgression would have seen him "sent off" for the rest of the innings.

Bicknell corrected the problem and was there at the close - by which time Surrey had picked up a vital fourth bowling bonus point, the first of their targets for this match. Today they

#### The day had begun badly for overseas player, Ottis Gibson. fortably with everything that stump hit by Brendon Julian, must match that feat with the bat. was clouded by the loss of Cork. Bjornebye brings joy to Liverpook

Barnes compromised Phil Babb. Sami Mahlio was al-

lowed to run on as Liverpool

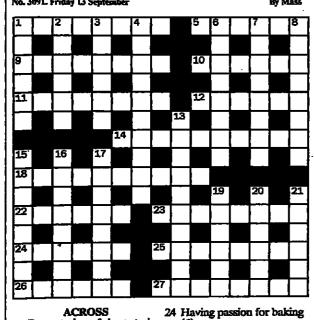
backpedalled, but he squan-

Bjornebye's threatening cross found the defender Mika Vil-

janen, whose sliced clearance

narrowly missed his own net.

Liverpool countered, and



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- 9 Launch a draw in popular fashion (8) 10 Tree planted in Paddy's
- border? (6) 11 Underworld reportedly ridicules a cover-up (8)
  12 Bluebeard, the dandy? (6) 14 Queen captured by enemy
- piece but there's no mate here? (10) 18 Daughter is found about end of August, miles away
- 22 Together during time before decree (6)
- (6) 25 'Sloth in the Garden', shown by gallery? (8)
  26 Weed Edward reduced (6) 27 Mesmer's active after one goes under (8)
- 1 Elect European leader mentioned in letter (6)
  2 The French screen craze
- 3 Mist in a State prior to the The two R's? (5.5) Who's from Maine, involved with car? (8) Over fifty in contest (8)
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(8) 19 Black cat in animation (6) 20 Attacks and brawls about nothing (6) 21 Like birds in the trees (6)

quickly to send a snap shot agonisingly past the goal. Bjor-nebye then picked out Steve McManaman, but his finishing was also profligate.

debut in a European competi-There was a moment of dantion for Liverpool, earned the Merseysiders the distinction of ger for Liverpool when Mika Hernesniemi punted a long ball being the Premiership's only vic-tors in a week of foreign ad-venture. His lone goal in last forward, forcing David James to raced off the goal line to clear as Mauri Keskitalo waited mennight's European Cup-Winners' Cup first round, first leg match in Anjalankoski, Finland, was enough to defeat a team who have yet to win on home turf in any European competition. Liverpool began brightly

acingly for the goalkeeper to err.
Fowler broke free from his marker, the former Aston Villa defender David Moore, only to slice his shot wide of the post.

The Finnish side caused anxiety in the Liverpool defence

In common with British club's endeavours in Europe the pre-

dered the chance.

vious night, Liverpool struggled to assert themselves. When Keskitalo released Hernesniemi on the right, the Liverpool de-fence failed to pick up his cross. Fortunately for the beaten FA

of the area and Stan Collymore carved out another opening minutes later when he attempted to put Fowler clear. The alert Moore intercepted, however, to concede a corner.

with a firm drive from the cusp

Liverpool came close to opening the scoring when the MyPa goalkeeper, Petri Jakonen, dropped a corner from Bjornebye. Babb's shot was cleared off the line by Viljanen. Jakonen was then forced to

make a fine save as Collymore flicked the ball on from another accurate Biornebve cross.

to Tottenham or Manchester

"It is too early to say what the

conclusion will be, but I think

and hope I will stay," the 28-year-old defender said.

United's advances.

had combined.

Jason. McAteer responded began to step up the pace, Col-

McAteer's cross was only halfcleared. Bjornebye rifled the hall home from just inside the penalty area. It was only his second. goal for Liverpool, his first coming against Middlesbrough on the opening day of the season.

MyPa-47: Jahener Vilaner, More, Mahio, Polya, Resideko, Grinnom, Jude Koskiner, Hernassiami, Hutunen, Alen. Sabstitites: Jahlo Koskiner, Eriters, Jaionen, Kungeskop, Lehtonen Liverpoot James: McAteer, Wingst. Bornaran, Collymore, Fowler, Barnes Sjornebye, Matteo, Sabstitutee: Waner, Ruddock, Berger, L. Jones.

I couldn't go on," the former

Polish international said. "Jim-

my Quinn told me he was not

happy with me coming off. I

don't want to play for those managers [Ouinn and Mick of Gooding] again."

Bryan Robson and Graema Souness have asked for personal hearings of their discounts.

bearings of their disrepute

lymore shooting wide after Barnes and Michael Thomas

through after 61 minutes when

Bjornebye made the break-

#### Waddle poised for a move to Scotland

Waddle in 1985 and four years

later he made a £4.25m move

to Marseille. Wednesday paid £1m to bring him back in 1992.

Falkirk have enjoyed sound

Liverpool

NICK DUXBURY

Chris Waddle, who once com-manded a £4.25m transfer fee, is poised to join Falkirk, who are third from bottom of the Scottish First Division.

The 35-year-old former England winger was released by Sheffield Wednesday last week and could make his debut in tomorrow's home game against "I don't want to say too

much at this stage because Chris has not yet signed the

deal," Eamonn Bannon, the

Falkirk manager, said. "He is

coming here tonight to dot the

i's and cross the t's on a shortterm contract." The move north has been

brokered and financed by the Falkirk director Neil Binnie, who has business interests in

Falkirk were relegated from the Premier Division last season and chairman George Fulston elsewhere. "I tried to sign Su-perman, but he wasn't available," he said. "We are looking for anyone who can put points

er, is currently on the play-Waddle's wage in Scotland is unknown, but it is unlikely to be

in Slaven Bilic's league - the Croatian having been offered £10,000 a week to stay at West Tottenham paid £590,000 for Ham United and not succumb

service in the past from English players like Simon Stainrod Dariusz Wdowczyk has asked and Tony Parks, while Andy Gray, the former Tottenham First Division Reading for a transfer after a half-time dispute during Tuesday's 3-2 defeat at

West Brom. The rift comes four months after the 33-yearold defender, signed a twoyear extension to his contract. Wdowczyk did not enferge for the second half because of

a groin strain. "I did my best but

charges. Both managers were reported by Premiership referee Mike Riley for comments allegedly made to him after matches last month. Wolves are to appeal against the decision of a Football League commission who ordered them to PLC, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL, and printed at Mirror Colour Print, St. pay Leicester City damages of 1, £250,000 over the transfer of 1 Back issues available from Historic Newspapers, 01988 840070.

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on the board."